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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### DISTORTED PICTURE

THERE is a picture of the recent moves towards high-level negotiations between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers, which with the aid of a certain amount of propaganda, has found wide acceptance. Yet it does not correspond with reality.

It is a picture of the Soviet Government initiating and patiently advocating a new effort to lessen tension between the two groups, while Western statesmen, and Mr Dulles in particular, have barred the way by laying down unreasonable conditions for such an effort.

That is, in fact, not only a false picture; it is very nearly the precise opposite of the truth.

### Serious Proposal

It was the Nato Powers which made the first serious proposal for a new effort to break the deadlock which has existed since last summer when the Soviet delegation bluntly put an end to the disarmament talks in London.

This step was followed by the equally blunt refusal to participate in the new disarmament commission set up by the United Nations Assembly.

It is true that Marshal Bulganin, in his letter of December 10 to President Eisenhower did refer, somewhat vaguely, to the possibility of a "personal meeting of heads of governments."

But in his letter, at the same time, to Mr Macmillan the Soviet Premier only spoke of the usefulness of "personal contacts between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers."

### Passing Phrases

THESE were only passing phrases in long letters and there was nothing in the nature of a definite proposal for a new effort at negotiation.

It was the Nato Council in Paris which took the first real initiative. It declared at the time that if Russia continued to take part in the Disarmament Commission, the Nato governments would welcome a meeting at Foreign Ministers' level to break the deadlock.

That was the first specific proposal since 1955 for a high-level Soviet-Western conference and it was very practical as it suggested as the objective the breaking of the deadlock and the resumption of negotiations on probably the most important of all problems.

### Concessions

MUCH has been made of the fact that the Soviet Government has now withdrawn its opposition to a meeting of Foreign Ministers (provided that it deals only with procedural questions) and this is represented as a considerable concession to the Western Powers.

But it was the Western Powers which had already made the concessions. Both the British and United States Governments had announced that, since there was Soviet objection, they were willing to drop the idea of a Foreign Ministers' meeting, and to use the "normal diplomatic channels" for the preparatory work.

These are the facts and they give a very different impression from that given by the distorted picture which has gained wide currency, not only in the Communist countries, but also in the Western world as well.

# GLOOMY REPORT ON US ECONOMY

## Output Index Slides Down To Three-year Low

By RAYMOND LAHR

Washington, Mar. 17. The Federal Reserve Board reported a continued "recession in economic activity" today with industrial production in February down to the lowest point in more than three years.

The Board's seasonally-adjusted index of output by factories and mines dropped three points in February to 130 per cent of the 1947-49 average. This was a decline of 16 points below February, 1957.

The last time the index skidded to as low as 130 was in December 1954. The all-time high was 147 in December 1955.

### Cautioned

The new and gloomy report was published after Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson cautioned against "ill-considered demands for a tax cut to fight the recession. He said the Administration intends to hold up a tax-cutting decision until 'the impact of current developments... has been clarified.'"

The drop in the Federal Reserve Board index represented a production decrease of about 11 per cent from the high level of a year earlier.

## 500 WORKERS LAID OFF

Wilmington, Del., Mar. 17. The General Motors Corporation announced today that it will lay off 500 workers at its Buick-Goldmobile assembly factory here and cut production by half on Thursday.

A spokesman said the reduction was in line with the company's current schedule requirements. The factory has been working a two-shift, four-day week recently.—Reuter.

The Board said severe weather contributed to last month's reduction in industrial activity but did bring an increase in the output of electricity and gas.

The sharpest drop for the year in the industrial production index was in the output of durable goods. It fell off 27 per cent, or 16 per cent, during the year.

Production of consumer durable goods was down 20 per cent to the lowest level since December, 1953.

### Summary

The Board said automobile output dropped again in February while steel production remained near the low February rate.

In a terse summary of business conditions, the Board said: "Recession in economic activity continued in February. Industrial production, employment, incomes and real wages again declined, and unemployment rose to a new postwar high. Construction activity was curtailed slightly. In February and early March, prices of farm products and food continued to rise, while prices of industrial commodities changed. Total bank loans and investments rose appreciably although loans to business continued to decline. Free reserves of member banks increased further. Short-term interest rates were generally lower, while long-term business rates rose somewhat."—United Press.

### Duke Returns

London, Mar. 17. The Duke of Edinburgh landed in his Heaton aircraft at London airport tonight after his 10-day private visit to Germany.—Reuter.

## ANOTHER HONOUR FOR FUCHS

London, Mar. 17. Dr Vivian Fuchs, leader of the successful trans-Antarctic expedition today was awarded the Royal Geographical Society's special gold medal. The medal was last awarded in 1920 to Robert Peary of the United States Navy—the first man to reach the North geographical pole.

Previous recipients of the medal were Captain Robert Scott in 1904 and Sir Ernest Shackleton in 1909. Sir Edmund Hillary, leader of the New Zealand contingent of the Commonwealth trans-Antarctic expedition and conqueror of Everest, received the Founder's medal—for which the Queen's approval is necessary—for Antarctic and Himalayan exploration.

Dr Paul A. Siple, chief of the US Army Arctic Research Section, was awarded the Society's Patron's Medal. Siple, whose Antarctic experiences began in 1928, was in charge of the first winter camp station at the South Pole last year. He and his party were the first men to spend the winter there.—United Press.

## Ten Killed In Accident

Mexico City, Mar. 17. Ten persons were killed and 50 others were injured when a run-away bus rumbled into a wall in San Juan Del Rio in Mexico's Queretaron State, it was learned today.

The accident occurred yesterday when the gear box of the bus broke as the driver was trying to slow down on a steep incline. Three persons were killed immediately and seven others died on the way to hospital.—France-Press.

## US To Decide Whether To Press For Meeting Of Disarmament Commission

New York, Mar. 17.

The United States will decide within the next 36 hours whether to press for meetings of the United Nations Disarmament Commission and the Security Council in face of Soviet objections, authoritative sources said today.

The decision will come from the State Department either late today or tomorrow after officials have studied the weekend Soviet statements on the question, insisting that the disarmament issue should come up outside the world organization. Mr Arkady Sobolev, Soviet permanent representative, has said that his Government would boycott the 26-member commission and objected to having the Security Council meet on disarmament procedures.

### Envisaged

The sources envisaged the following steps which the United States would consider "ideal" in dealing with the deadlocked disarmament problem:—

★ A meeting of the Commission to be called in accordance with the desire expressed by the General Assembly at its last session, in December.

This meeting would be held with the clear knowledge that the Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslovakia would not attend.

The aim of the meeting would not be to air in substance the disarmament problem, nor to bring about any debate on the substance of the issue, but simply to satisfy the expressed wishes of the General Assembly that the Commission should meet and report before April 30.

### Take Note

The meeting would take note of the absence of "several important members" and would agree to report back to the General Assembly and the Security Council, without making any recommendation.

French writer Jean Paul Sartre, publisher Rene Hailiard and the directors of two weeklies, L'Express and France Observateur today initiated legal proceedings against the French Government for what they termed illegal suppression. The first started a civil suit against the Minister of the Interior and the Prefect of Police in the civil and administrative courts of Paris.

## HELICOPTER-BORNE MARINES

## USN Moves Into Indonesian War Zone

By DONALD WISE

Singapore, Mar. 17. Assault carriers of the United States Seventh Fleet arrived with helicopter-borne Marines in Indonesian war zone off Singapore today.

## UAR PARTISANS FIGHT NATIONALISTS

Beirut, Mar. 17. One person was killed and several injured in a fight between partisans of United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser and Lebanese Nationalists in a Lebanese village last night, it was reported here today.

The fight occurred at the village of Shaura, on the Beirut-Damascus highway, when a group of buses and automobiles were returning from Damascus. The people in the buses and cars had gone to Damascus to participate in celebrations of the formation of the UAR.

### Portraits

The vehicles carried portraits of Nasser and when the travellers refused to remove the portraits the fight broke out. Dangers were used in the ensuing struggle.

Police rushed to the village, broke up the fight and made arrests.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese Cabinet met here today to discuss the internal security situation and to take measures to quell disturbance.

The Government ordered the removal of all outdoor portraits—whether of Nasser or Lebanese President Camille Chamoun—to avoid friction between partisans of both sides.—United Press.

## CHINA VISIT PERMISSION EXPIRING

Washington, Mar. 17.

The State Department reminded 26 news organizations today that US permission for their representatives to visit China expires on Saturday.

Press Officer Lincoln White said, however, that the Department is prepared to renew the permission until October 21. The Department, in a policy reversal last August, decided to let 26 news gathering organizations send one man each to China. It validated passports for seven months to permit the trip.

However, Peking has not agreed to let any of the news organizations enter the country since the State Department gave its permission.—United Press.

### Bus Crash

Lima, Mar. 17. Twenty persons were killed today when a lorry crashed into two oncoming buses between Trujillo and Chicla, 200 miles north of Lima.—France-Press.

## FRENCH WRITER SUES GOVERNMENT

Paris, Mar. 17. French writer Jean Paul Sartre, publisher Rene Hailiard and the directors of two weeklies, L'Express and France Observateur today initiated legal proceedings against the French Government for what they termed illegal suppression. The first started a civil suit against the Minister of the Interior and the Prefect of Police in the civil and administrative courts of Paris.

Sartre's monthly magazine Les Temps Modernes was banned three weeks ago, and his book, La Victoire was destroyed at the Juillard Publishing House Print Shop. All the seizures were based on charges of "Algeria problem" discussed in the publication.—France-Press.

## SINGAPORE MERCHANTS

## HELPING REBELS?

Singapore, Mar. 17. Singapore merchants were among the "foreign adventurers" who were helping the rebel forces in Central Sumatra, the Indonesian Consulate here said today in a press statement.

It was those adventurers, the statement affirmed, who derived the greatest benefit from the upheaval in Indonesia.

Efforts to destroy Indonesia's independent foreign policy were becoming apparent, the statement went on.

### RE-AFFIRMED

It re-affirmed, however, that the present crisis was not civil war, and the Central Government's actions were only similar to those taken earlier against Darul Islam and the so-called "South Moluccan Republic".

Central and provincial governments were functioning "as usual," tourist traffic was unhampered, and communications were fully maintained in all but the rebel areas, the statement went on.

"The problem of the rebel clique does not represent racial or provincial matters," it added, but a matter of endangering the basic constitution.

Padang Radio claimed tonight that the Commander of North Sumatra, Lieutenant Colonel Jamil Ginting, had fled the province.

The rebel radio said the defence of North Sumatra was now in the hands of the Army. Chief-of-Staff Major-General Abdul Haris Nasution, who had set up headquarters in the Rho Islands south of Singapore, —France-Press and Reuter.

## EXPLOSIONS

## ROCK NICOSIA

Nicosia, Mar. 17. Five explosions tonight started fires in two military camps in Nicosia. Three of the explosions were at a Royal Engineers camp 50 yards from a police station. The explosions, believed to have been caused by incendiary bombs, started a fire in a timber store. The other explosions were reported in a Naah store outside the Waznyes Keep military camp, west of Nicosia.

### False Alarm

Fire engines in Nicosia had earlier been sent to the southern part of Nicosia on a false alarm. It was believed they were lured away to enable the fires in the military camps to get a hold. The fire in the Naah camp was later put out. It was reported to have caused only slight damage.

In the last 10 days there have been 12 explosions, including tonight's at or near British service installations and camps. Some damage has been caused, but no casualties. At least two bombs have been electrically detonated. Another bomb, discovered in an Army launch at Paphos on February 12, was harmlessly disposed of.—Reuter.

### Border Raid

Panjin Mar. 17. Goan officials announced today that one person was killed and four others were wounded during an attack by Indian terrorists last Saturday against a police outpost at Pelen on Goa's southern border. Officials said the terrorists from the Indian Union made a night raid but coaxed fire when the police garrison retaliated.—France-Press.

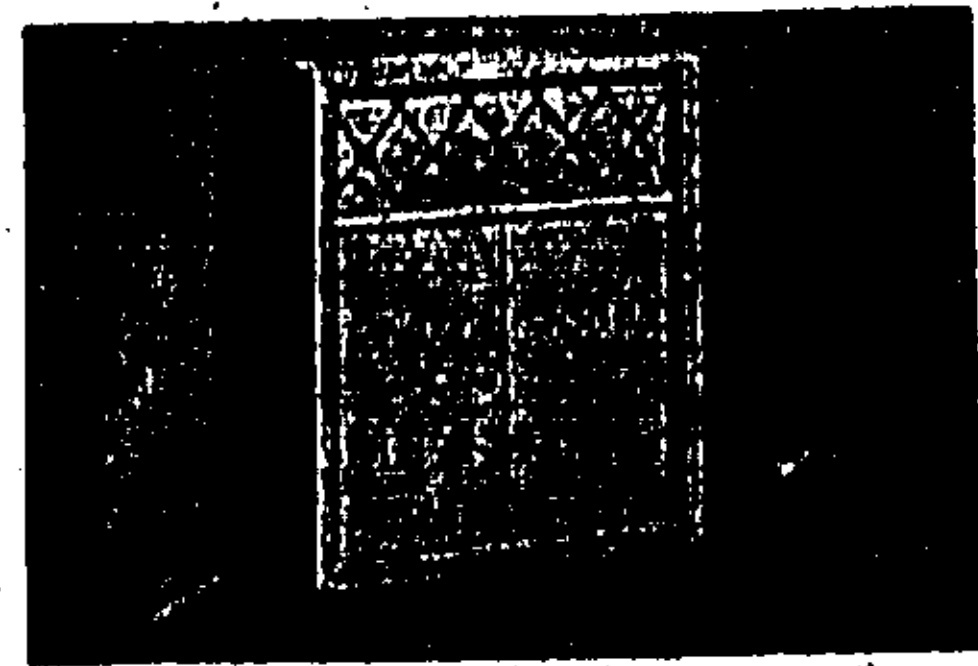
## ADVICE TO MACMILLAN

London, Mar. 17. Labour Party MP, Emrys Hughes, today suggested that Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan should ask President Eisenhower to increase American trade with the Soviet Union and China to relieve unemployment. Mr Hughes asked Home Secretary, Richard Butler, in the Commons: "As you depulse so well for the Prime Minister could you not persuade him to go to America a little earlier? As there are 3,000,000 unemployed in America, he might help the President if he suggested that we have been successful in solving our problem partly by having more trade with Russia and China."

Mr Butler replied, "My general reply is that the Prime Minister knows very well how to mind his business and how to look after the country's business." Mr Macmillan is expected to go to the United States at the beginning of June.—France-Press.

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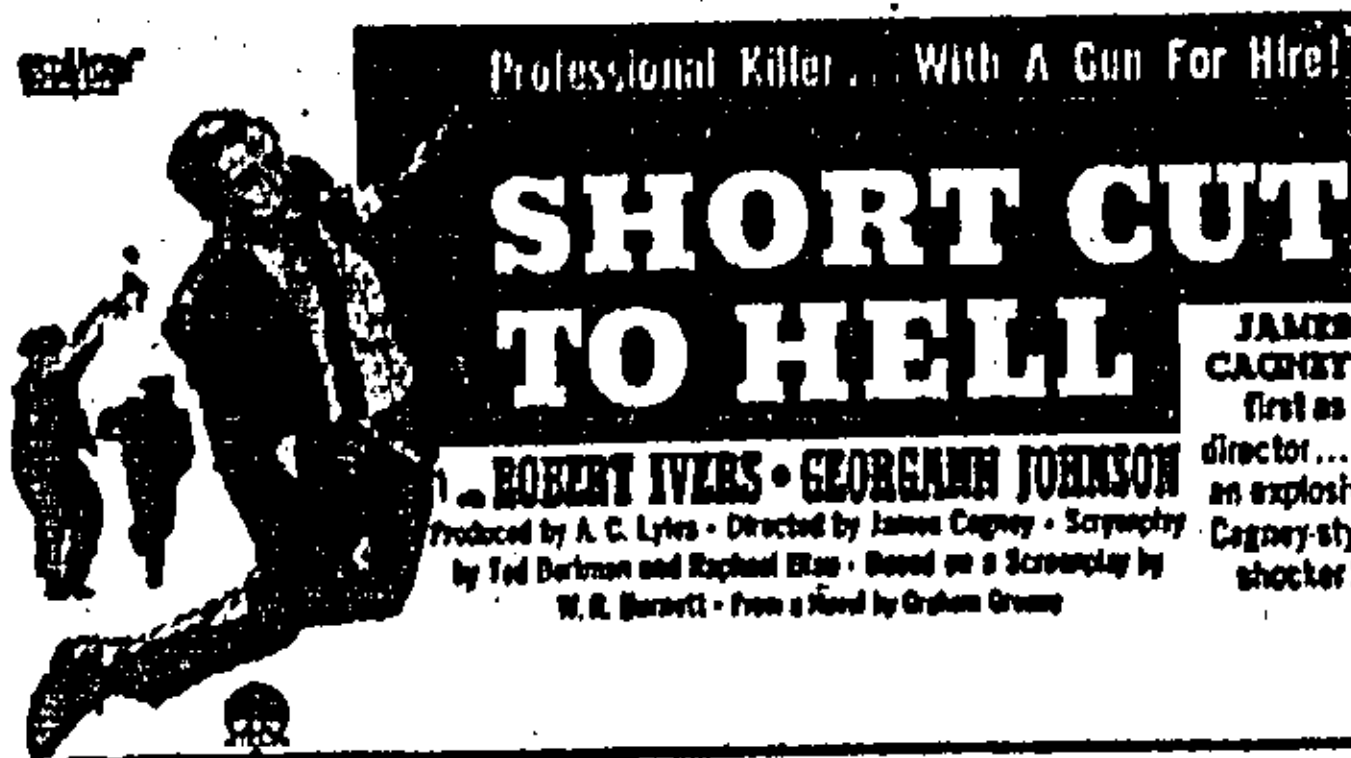
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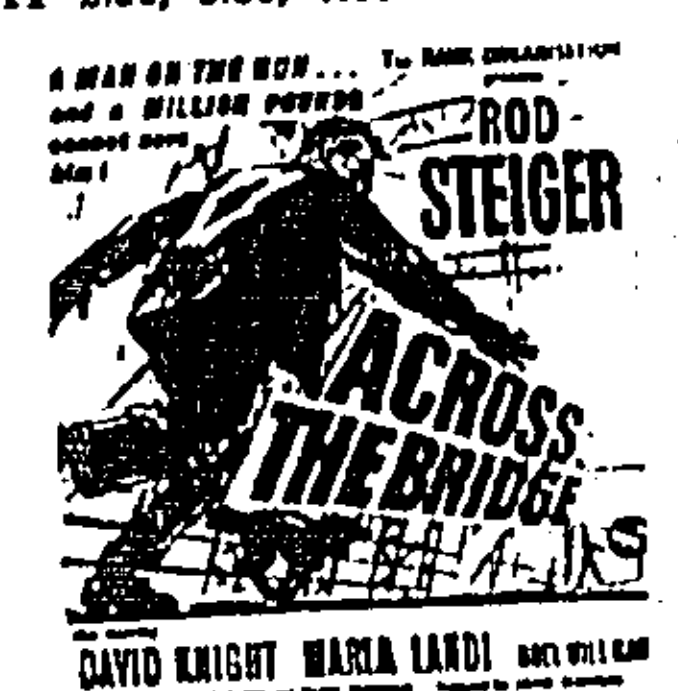
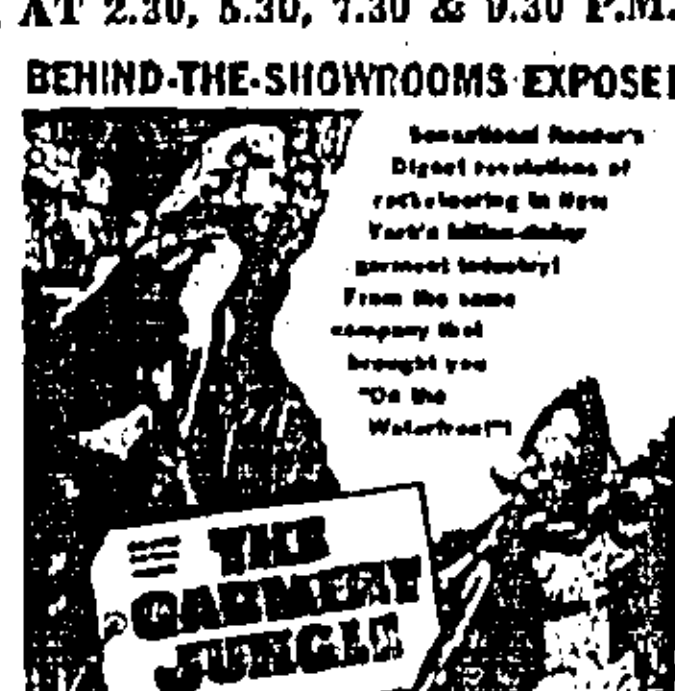
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Washington, Mar. 17.

Senator Henry M. Jackson (Democrat-Washington) called today for at least US\$100 million in additional funds for research and development work on Navy anti-submarine warfare.

The Washington Democrat said testimony before his House-Senate atomic energy subcommittee showed "examples of critical research development programmes now going too slowly or else not being carried on because of lack of funds."

Mr. Jackson made the statement after all-day closed hearings of the subcommittee with Navy research experts, including Rear Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, father of the atomic submarine, and Rear Admiral Rawson Bennett, Chief of Naval Research.

Senator Jackson said in a statement that the Soviets had more than 500 submarines, while the United States had only 100 in operational condition.

"We know that (the Soviets) now have the capability of launching missiles with nuclear warheads of at least 500-mile range against our cities," senator Jackson said. "We must presume that the Soviets will soon have nuclear-powered submarines."

**No Defence**

Senator Jackson, who is also a member of the senate armed services committee, said, "we are simply not adequately prepared to protect our cities from this threat from under the sea. To do the job properly, we need new scientific and technological breakthroughs."

The only way to get them, he said, is by an "accelerated research and development effort."

The Navy's biggest problem, Senator Jackson said, is locating and tracking enemy subs. Once found, he said, the United States has adequate facilities for dealing with them. But, he said, the Navy "concedes we have quite a way to go for a real defence."

The subcommittee will continue closed hearings tomorrow. —United Press.

**Royal Successor  
To Mark Twain**London, Mar. 17.  
The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the offices of "Punch"—Britain's national humorous weekly—here on Wednesday and attend the 115-year-old weekly cartoon-choosing lunch.

He will be only the second "stranger" to sit in at this purely private gathering since Mark Twain's visit to London in March, 1907.—Reuter.

**PARIS POLICE READY  
FOR CLASHES  
DURING ASSEMBLY**

By HAROLD KING

Paris, Mar. 18.  
More than 1,000 security police have been drafted into Paris from the provinces for possible street clashes today when the French Assembly is to vote on a confidence motion which could bring down the government.

The motion is on constitutional reforms to ensure more stable governments.

The Communist Party has called for a "great anti-fascist meeting" tonight, while right-wing groups led by M. Jacques Soustelle, former Governor-General of Algeria, will hold a counter-demonstration in another hall.

The Communist newspaper Humanite alleged that there are in existence right-wing "armed and militarily organised groups."

Both meetings may be forbidden by the new police chief, M. Maurice Papon, who left his post in Algeria at 24 hours' notice and took over the Paris

police force after last week's "more pay" demonstration by several thousand policemen outside the National Assembly.

But clashes between right and left may occur, even if the meetings are banned.

The Government seems assured of winning its confidence vote today. During the weekend the Conservatives, Catholics and Socialists, all in the Gaillard coalition cabinet, made it clear they did not want a cabinet crisis at the present time.

They fear it might seriously weaken the existing parliamentary regime and increase the strength of a movement in the country looking to General de Gaulle to take power again. —China Mail Special.

**IKE CALLS  
MEETING**Washington, Mar. 17.  
President Eisenhower today invited representatives of the nation's governors to confer with him here on Wednesday on Administration plans for dealing up unemployment compensation benefits to help fight the recession.

The invitation went to the nine-member Executive Committee of the Governors' Conference.

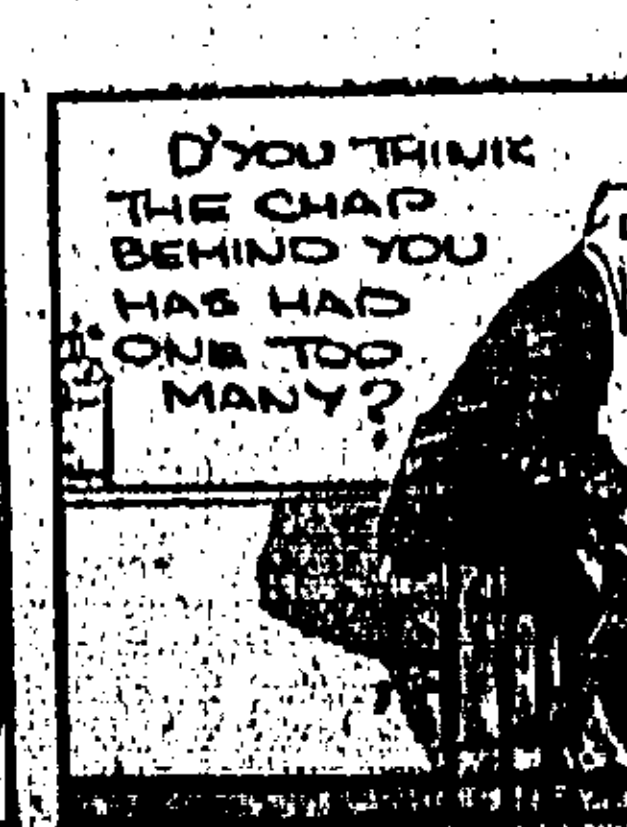
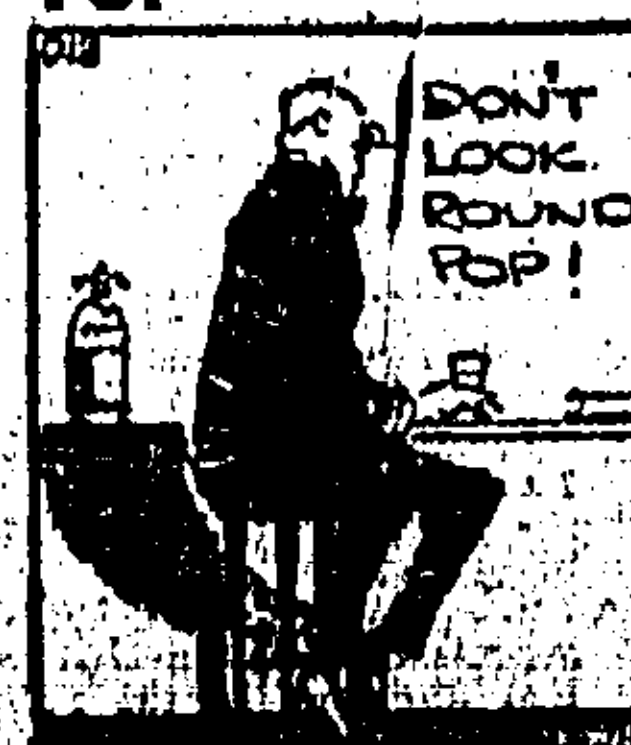
The identical telegrams said Eisenhower "would like very much" to confer with the State Chief Executives in a "limited and temporary extension of the duration of unemployment benefits" to jobless workers. —United Press.

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Baltimore, Mar. 17.

MARGO Miller, a 13-year-old student who tinted her hair green in observance of St. Patrick's Day was turned away from Woodbourne Junior High School today by Principal Dorothy Duval, and Margo's father reacted with typical Irish wrath.

Les Miller said: "It's the most ridiculous thing I've heard of in my life. They let those drapes with duck-tail haircuts and black leather jackets in school, and let them smoke all over the front steps. But they won't let my daughter in school because of a little green in her hair."

Observed Miller: "I ought to go over there and knock some heads with a shillelagh." —United Press.

**KLM Pilots'  
Strike  
Continues  
1,200 Passengers  
Stranded**

Amsterdam, Mar. 17.

The tarmac at Schiphol Central Airport of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines worldwide services, was utterly deserted today when more than 300 pilots struck in protest against the summary dismissal of two of their colleagues.

Only one plane left here late today for London, the Super Constellation Isotop flown by Captain J. A. Deknatel, a non-union pilot.

Spokesmen of the KLM Pilots' Association stressed tonight that there were no passengers for London on board, as the plane had been chartered by the Iranian Petroleum Company for a flight from London to Beirut.

Mr. Lionel Metz, British-born chief pilot and one of the two men dismissed by KLM, said at a Hague press conference last night that "peaceful picketing" would take place.

The newspaper Trouw estimated that the pilots' strike was costing the Company a loss of income of about £150,000 a day.

The strike affected the quotation of KLM shares at the Amsterdam Stock Market today, the quotation dropping from 110 last Friday to 107 today.

All KLM ground staff, stewards, radio operators and mechanics remained idle at the airport today.

Foreign airlines continued and in some cases increased their services to and from Amsterdam. Some 1,200 KLM passengers were reported stranded.—Reuter.

**Dies At Age  
Of 107**

Belmont, Mar. 17.

Charles Wesley Thier, who never smoked, drank or danced during his life, had never driven a car and remained a bachelor to the end, passed away yesterday.

Aged 107, Thier succumbed to pneumonia.

Eminent heart specialist Dr. Paul Dudley White, had presented Thier at several medical congresses, pointing out that although more than 100 years old, he was in excellent health and in possession of all his faculties.—France-Press.

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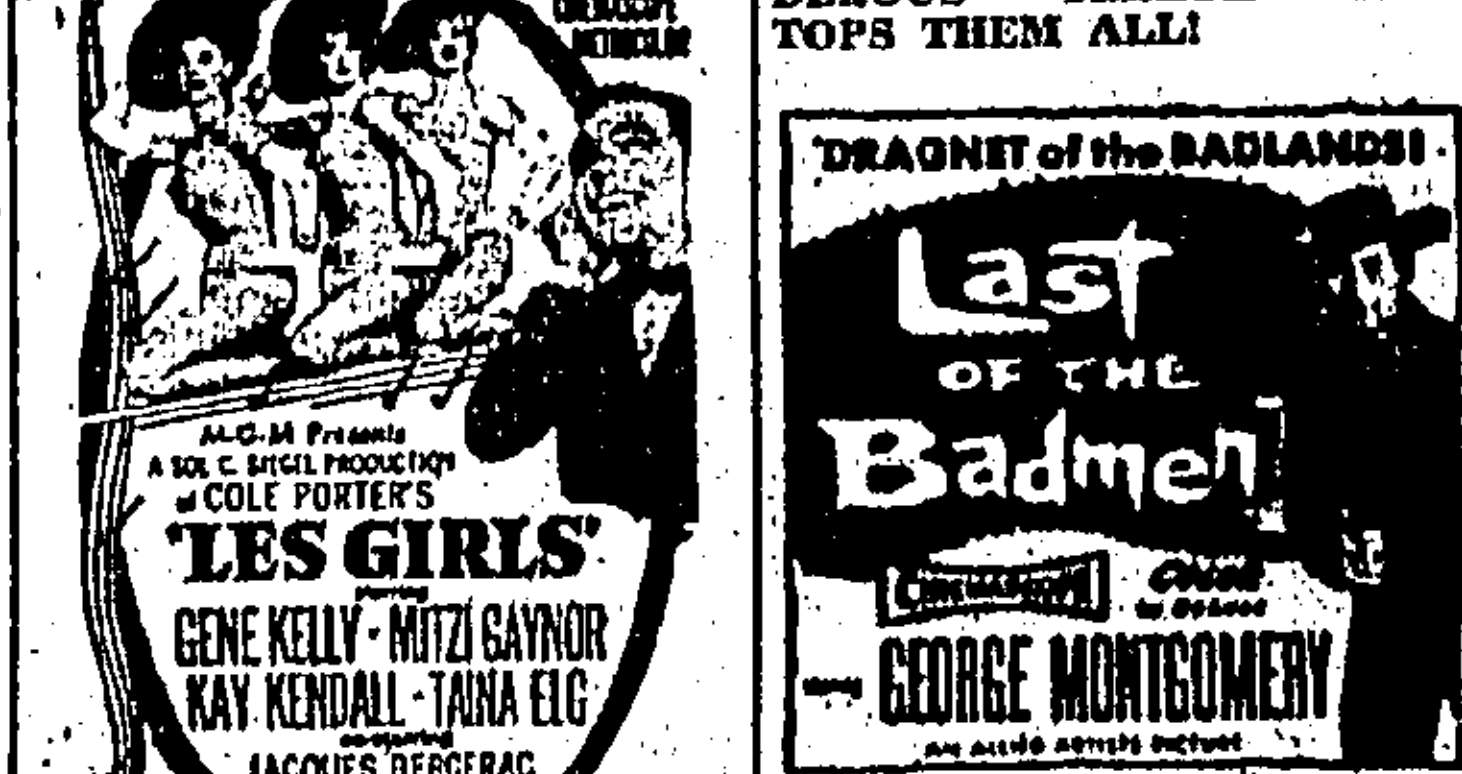
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## CABLE BRIEFS

Hollywood, Mar. 17. There's no doubt Southern California has been having unusually heavy rains. Mrs. Audrey Zimmerman dropped her wallet in the street. Before she could stoop to pick it up, the wallet and \$335 went swirling down a drain.—United Press.

Green Bay, Mar. 17. A letter mailed on May 25, 1952, to Miss Norma Schlier reached her on Friday, though she now is married and lives at a new address. The Post Office had no explanation.—United Press.

San Jose, Mar. 17. Now it's a political issue. The California Republican Assembly passed a resolution yesterday which states: "The girls they don't please us." "That wears the chemise."—United Press.

Stamford, Mar. 17. Two small boys picked up for taking a rowboat without permission promised police yesterday they would "never take a boat like that again." "Like what?" Police asked. "Without oars, of course."—United Press.

Hartford, Mar. 17. Mrs. Roland D. Irish of Manchester gave birth to a boy here today on St. Patrick's Day. His name: Patrick Irish.—United Press.

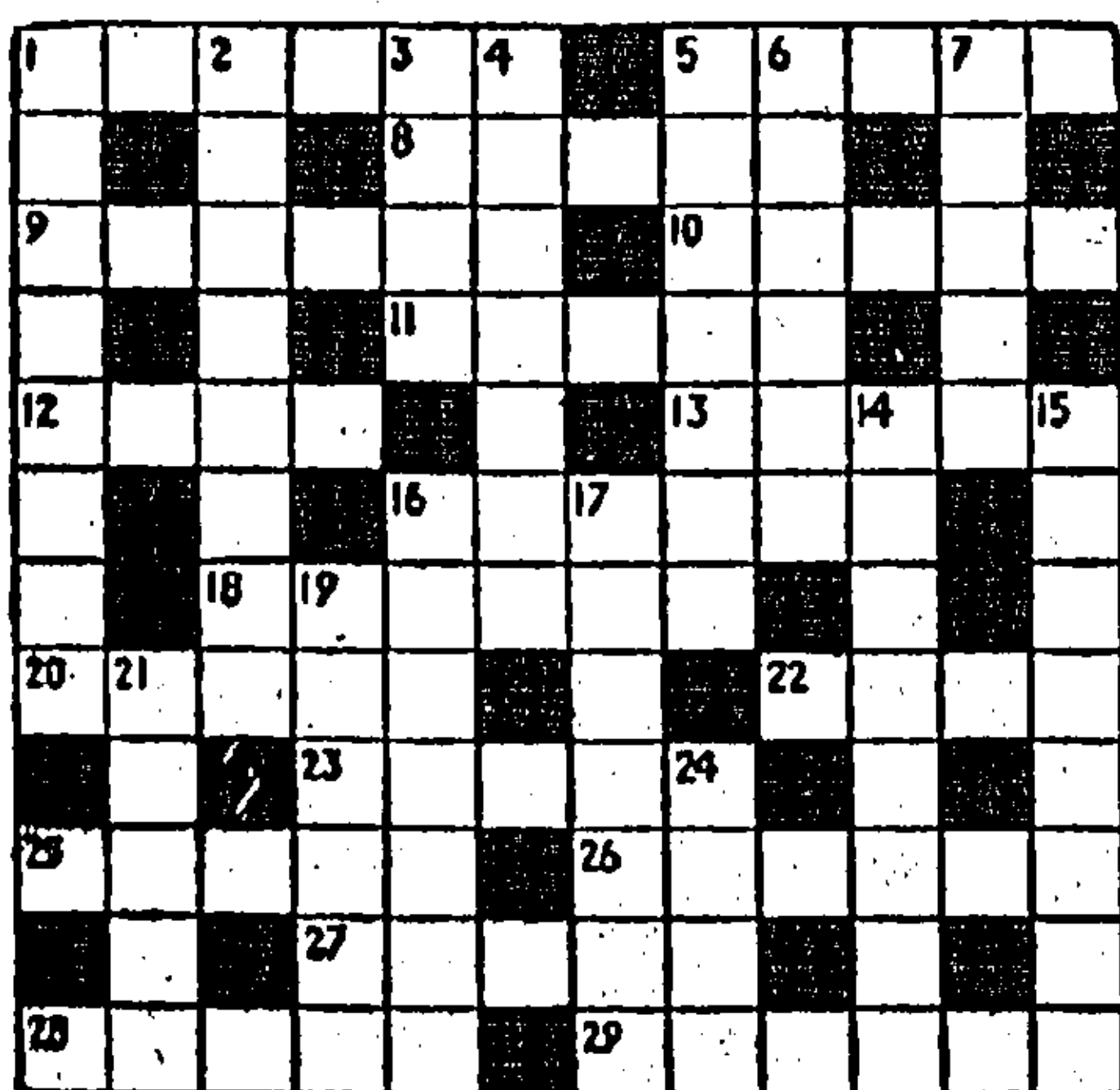
London, Mar. 17. Almost every man in mid-England has back trouble or a slipped disc, according to Mr. G. R. H. Nugent, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation. "This is the age of the chair-borne," he told a London lunch given by manufacturers of office equipment. "I suppose there is a great future for the inventor of an office chair with a built-in physiotherapist lamp."—China Mail Special.

Alexandria, Mar. 17. A three-year-old boy today found \$55 in his father's trouser pockets and, knowing no better, gave the money to a boy who was passing the window. But the other boy was old enough to understand; he took the money and ran.—China Mail Special.

## Bulgarian's Letter

London, Mar. 17. The letter sent to Mr. Harold Macmillan, Britain's Prime Minister, by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin today appeared mainly to be a re-statement of the recent position taken up by the Soviet Union on "summit" conference issues, according to usually well-informed sources. The sources said that it took the same lines as the recent Soviet communications to the United States and it did not seem to contain any new important proposals.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 1 Chatterbox (6).
- 2 Miss Pruitt (5).
- 3 Like the first (5).
- 4 Trusted adviser (6).
- 5 Satan's works (6).
- 6 Mother-of-pearl (6).
- 7 Right, legally (4).
- 8 Strayed (5).
- 9 Give satisfaction (6).
- 10 Customer (5).
- 11 Golf area (5).
- 12 Miss Lynn (4).
- 13 Use a tomahawk (5).
- 14 Not far away (5).
- 15 Lubricating (6).
- 16 Remove all traces (5).
- 17 Naval bluffs (5).
- 18 Washed away (6).

## DOWN

- 1 Having a flutter (8).
- 2 Some words or years (8).
- 3 Image (4).
- 4 Bible story (7).
- 5 Be a glutton (7).
- 6 Iron bars (6).
- 7 Dance (5).
- 8 Put right (8).
- 9 Unbalanced (6).
- 10 Nipper (7).
- 11 Fence in (7).
- 12 Diminish (6).
- 13 Does he line things up (5).
- 14 It goes away to sea, as it were (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Arant, 5 Surer, 8 Roper, 9 Oporto, 11 Rabbit, 12 Pestle, 14 Muse, 16 Tress, 18 Holst, 19 Ties, 23 Runner, 24 Trent, 25 Acre, 26 Eats, 27 Ruder, 28 Kick, 29 Dym. Down: 1 A-non, 2 A-top, 3 Aris, 4 Tootle, 5 Streets, 6 Robates, 7 Re-dress, 10 Remus, 13 Shelter, 14 Mile End, 15 Starter, 17 Rider, 19 Inmate, 21 Noss, 22 Race, 23 Beam.

## Britain's Trade With China

London, Mar. 17. The London Daily Express said in its editorial today that trade with China should be started at once.

Saying that British businessmen are so anxious to trade with China that they are planning an exhibition of goods in Peking next year.

The Daily Express asked: "But how many of our products on show will be for sale? The Government, in agreement with the United States, prohibits exports of many types of goods to China for strategic reasons. So last year, Britain exported less to China (population 600,000,000) than to Switzerland (population 4.5 million)."

While pointing out that the United States might revise her policy towards China, the editorial added: "But what folly for Britain to wait on change of mood in Washington."—London Express Service.

## OUTBREAK OF HOOLIGANISM IN MELBOURNE

Melbourne, Mar. 17. The Victorian Chief Secretary, Mr. Arthur Rylah, asked visiting police chiefs today to help find an answer to the outbreak of juvenile crime and hooliganism in Melbourne.

Victoria was facing a wave of hooliganism which, unless quickly stopped in the bud, could have serious consequences, he said.

Mr. Rylah was opening a conference at Victorian Police Headquarters of police chiefs from other states, New Zealand, the British Solomon Islands, Papua and New Guinea.

He said that the conference could be of great value to Victoria, particularly in its discussions of child delinquency. Victoria had in the past been reasonably free of juvenile crime, Mr. Rylah said.

"The problem was a community and a parental matter, but he was sure that while the police were taking special action to keep it under control the conference could produce new ideas on handling it."—China Mail Special.

## "Complete And Indisputable Victory"

## SOVIET RUSSIA'S ELECTIONS

## Final Results Will Be Announced Soon

Moscow, Mar. 17. The Soviet government's official news agency announced a "complete victory" for the single-slate "Communist and non-party bloc" in Sunday's elections for the Supreme Soviet.

The Tass announcement said that all but a fraction of the voters has cast their ballots for the slate. It added that complete and final results would be announced in a few days. The statement said a record electorate of 130,000,000 took part in the all-day voting. This meant a turnout of 99.97 per cent of the eligible electorate and compared very favourably with the last elections of 1954 when 99.98 per cent of the eligible voters turned out.

Of those who voted 99.57 per cent cast ballots for the single slate of Communists running for the "Soviet of Union" and 99.72 per cent voted for the single bloc for the Soviet of Nationalities, the other House of Russia's rubber-stamp "Parliament."

## In The Midst Of 400 Russian Women



Bob Hope

American comedian Bob Hope, who is searching here for new television material, today sat wedged among 400 Russian women at the Moscow spring fashion show.

The show was held in the top floor of the G.U.M., Moscow's largest state store, where 12 of the capital's prettiest mannequins are staging twice-daily displays.

Hope, unknown here as the names of Hollywood personalities seldom penetrate the Iron Curtain, was twice asked by keen women viewers to "move out of the way."—Reuter.

## AMERICAN SUEZ PILOTS GET THE SACK

Port Said, Mar. 17. The Egyptian Suez Canal authority has dismissed two American pilots on the grounds that they were carrying on "union organization" activities among Canal pilots and employees, informed sources said today.

One pilot A. Anderson, left Egypt at the end of December and the other, B. Kennel, on February 20.

It is alleged that they attempted to organize a three-hour protest strike to persuade the authorities to free an Egyptian pilot, Abdel Kader Eloui, who was reported placed under arrest when he tried to organize support for "certain demands" for the administration.

The strike failed when other Egyptian and foreign pilots refused to support it.—United Press.

## Folies Bergere Returns

## "THERE ARE NO SUBSTITUTES FOR NUDES"

Paris, Mar. 17. The Folies Bergere returns in all its undraped glory on Friday night, ending the depressing (for Frenchmen and tourists) reports that the biggest stiletto show of them all had gone for good.

The Folies were closed on January 4 and the performers put their clothes back on. Reports swept Paris that that was the end—that rising production costs had finished them for good. Paul Derval announced the new Folies—

## Alternative

The only alternative to voting for the single Communist slate open to the Russian voters was to cross out the names on the printed ballot forms and write in their own candidates.

To do this voters had to go into a secret voting booth, while the majority merely popped the printed ballot forms into the union in front of the polling station officials.

Moscow Radio also announced that Marshal Georgi Zhukov, recently demoted to the post of Chairman of the State Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, headed three Americans who attended the elections as unofficial observers at a diplomatic party this evening.

Earlier in the day, Nikita Khrushchev discussed the Soviet electoral system with the Americans in a 30-minute interview at the Kremlin.—United Press.

## THE NAZIS IN SPANDAU

Bonn, Mar. 17. An American Embassy spokesman said here today the three Western allies were consulting informally about a "better solution for the safekeeping" of three remaining major Nazi war criminals than keeping them in Spandau Prison in Berlin.

The spokesman was answering questions about reports that the four-power Spandau Prison would shortly be dissolved. He said the matter had not yet been raised with the Russians, who share in the control of Spandau's jail. Nor were formal negotiations under way between the three Western allies concerned, Britain, France and the United States.

The three prisoners left in Spandau are Rudolf Hess, America's deputy, Paul von Schirach, the Hitler youth leader, and Albert Speer, former Munitions Minister. Hess is serving a life sentence, Schirach and Speer are serving 20-year sentences imposed by the four-power War Crimes Tribunal at Nuremberg in 1946.—China Mail Special.

Manila, Mar. 17. A strong earthquake rocked Catbalogan City on Samar Island, in the Central Philippines, for several seconds today. So far, no damage or casualties have been reported.—France-Press.

## MARISA GETS HER WISH



Marisa Legnani, age 9, wished that someone would build a bridge over the swollen River Chelona so she could get to school on time each day. She got her wish when an American film company, on location in Italy, built one for her. Now little Marisa has been invited to visit the United States as a personal guest of Mamie Eisenhower, wife of the US President. She is shown touring the sights of Rome with actor William Holden prior to her departure for New York.—Keystone.

## Husband Stands By Wife Who Killed Infant Son

Naha, Okinawa, Mar. 17. The husband of an American woman who smothered and buried her baby and then reported it kidnapped said on Sunday night that his wife "comes first" and that he does not blame her.

Terrence D. Hitt, 28, Plymouth, Michigan, apologized to Okinawans through newsmen for causing "inconveniences" in the false kidnapping report, which touched off a three-day search. The boy, six-week-old Brady Dean Hitt, was found buried in the vegetable garden behind the Hitt home. The mother, Madeline, 26, confessed she smothered the baby. Doctors said she was suffering from a "psychosis."

Hitt said it was brought on because his wife's mother was not present when the child was born. "Ever since the baby was born, she hasn't been quite herself," said Hitt, who had no previous knowledge that the mother had killed her son. "There were times when I believed she didn't recognize me," he said. "I don't blame my wife a bit. I realize we won't have a boy any more but right now my wife comes first. I don't care to see her name slandered and I want everyone to be as helpful as they can." He said he was his wife's "first and firmest" advocate. "I tried," he said, "to give her my love. Actually I thought everything was all right, but when a woman doesn't have her mother with her when she has a baby, then she feels as though everything is on her shoulders."—United Press.

## Avalanche

Schuls, Mar. 17. A huge avalanche killed five German tourists, three of them women, who were skiing on the Greiskopf mountain near here today.—Reuter.

## Escape Through The Iron Curtain

Goettingen, Mar. 17. Three refugees from Polish-controlled East Prussia arrived in West Germany today after a week hidden in a railway goods wagon without food and water.

The three men, aged from 20 to 25 years old, stowed away in a great-bound goods train eight days ago in Allenstein, East Prussia.

They had food and water for one day only. The men, who asked to remain unidentified to avoid harm to relatives still behind the Iron Curtain, said permission for them to visit the West was refused by the Polish authorities.—United Press.

## DUBLIN CELEBRATES Gay Festivity On St Patrick's Day

Dublin, Mar. 17. Millions of Irishmen around the world joined today in celebrations of St. Patrick's Day—and half of Dublin went to the dogs.

The traditional holiday dawned fine and clear, and crowds turned out for the parades and shows which always mark the day. The best turnout of all attended the dog show, which enjoyed one of the two open bars in town.

The only other bar that was allowed to remain open was at the railway station, and to get a drink there a man had to buy a ticket for some place outside the country—British Northern Ireland, in most cases. Despite the lack of liquid refreshment, Dublin was a gay city, public buildings and many stores and office buildings were

## Bomb Blast In Jewish Centres

## Racial Terrorism In Miami: Swift Action Urged

Washington, Mar. 17. Benjamin H. Chasin, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, called today for swift action by State and Federal agencies to capture dynamiters who set off blasts at Jewish centres in Nashville and Miami.

Chasin wired Attorney General William Rogers, Florida Governor LeRoy Collins and Tennessee Governor Frank Clement that the bombings appeared to be the start of "nation-wide terrorist activities."

"Swift and dynamic action is the only deterrent to a state of anarchy," Chasin said in urging use of all police powers to find the bombers.

Guards were posted at a Jewish Temple and another civic centre here. FBI agents were assigned to Federal District Judge William E. Miller who was threatened with death, apparently because of an integration ruling.

Governor Frank Clement offered a \$5,000 reward, maximum under State Law, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons who blew up the Jewish community centre here last night.

Temple Beth El in Miami was bombed earlier yesterday. No one was injured in either explosion.

The City of Nashville offered a \$1000 reward. Other rewards were offered by citizens. Mayor Ben West vowed that "No stone will be unturned to find the perpetrators of this outrage."

Clement said he was "shocked and appalled at the thought that anyone in Tennessee would commit the sacrilege of wantonly destroying a religious building."

Officials and citizens equally were aroused in Miami, where the Jewish building was lifted off its foundation by about a dozen sticks of dynamite. Damage to the building was estimated at \$30,000.

The dynamite bomb was planted at the front entrance of the Jewish centre here. It knocked out three glass doors and ripped away part of the ceiling, causing damage of at least \$8,000. Detonating wire was found at the scene. A motorist passing by said it "felt like my car was picked right up off the ground" when the blast occurred.

Minutes after the bombing, a man called the United Press Bureau here and said: "This is the Confederate Underground. We have just blown up that integration centre and our next target is Judge Miller. We are going to shoot him down in the street." The man called other news agencies with a similar message.

Another man, possibly the same one, telephoned Rabbi William Silverman and threatened to bomb the Jewish Synagogue here.

Judge Miller recently ordered Nashville school officials to submit a plan for the integrating the public school system.

There were reports that police headquarters in Miami had obtained recording of a telephone call made there shortly before the bomb went off at the Temple. Services and parochial school classes at the building were cancelled.

The dynamiting was the first since 1951, where bombs went off at several Jewish centres, two Catholic churches and several negro homes.

The Hattie Cotton Elementary School was bombed last autumn. It occurred during disorders that accompanied the integration of first grades in city schools.—United Press.

## To Meet Her Husband A Last Time



Soraya

Milan, Mar. 17. The Shah of Iran and his divorced Queen Soraya will meet for the last time at a secret rendezvous in the Anilles after the Shah's next trip to the United States, the mass circulation magazine "Gente" claimed here tonight.

In an exclusive article from Cologne, Germany, "Gente" reported that Shah asked Soraya to forgive him in a dramatic 10-minute phone call from Tehran on March 12.

The Shah asked and obtained forgiveness after he explained to her the difficult situation of Iran and the need of avoiding a fight between the factions and tribes of the country," the magazine added. Soraya reacted "in a very dignified way," abstained from any reproach and fought back her bitterness, according to the magazine.

But "Gente" said she asked the Shah to see her again before marrying another woman.

"The Shah answered by advising her not to come to Iran and suggesting a secret rendezvous on an island of the Anilles, after the trip he makes to the United States," the magazine said. "The meeting could therefore take place without any publicity and, above all, away from Soraya's enemies."—United Press.

## Ban On Tommy Steele

Pretoria, Mar. 17. Pretoria city council today banned a performance by Tommy Steele, the British rock 'n' roll singer, in the city hall on March 25. A number of Afrikaans cultural organizations had protested against the performance.—Reuter.

## Last Exercise

Paris, Mar. 17. British Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, will direct his last SHAPE exercise "CEX-8" from April 28 to May 1. SHAPE Commander General Lauris Norstad announced today. The indoor "Command Post Exercise" is held for the study and discussion of military problems of Allied Command Europe. Field Marshal Montgomery is retiring next September.—France-Press.

## Fighter Squadrons

Landstuhl, Mar. 17. Three United States Air Force fighter-interceptor squadrons stationed in Britain are being transferred to the continent. It was announced here today. Two will go to West Germany and one to Northern France. All three squadrons are equipped with F-86 Sabre jet fighters.—Reuter.



# MY NIGHT IN AN OPIUM DEN

## LOGAN GOURLAY

CHAPTER SIX OF HIS WORLD TOUR

— with  
**Prince Ned**

OTHERWISE THE GRANDSON OF THE KING OF SIAM WHO INSPIRED THAT MUSICAL "THE KING AND I"

IT was in a squalid back alley in the heart of Bangkok and it looked like the door to a Chinese laundry which never washes white.

The sign outside said only one thing—Drink that celebrated American soft beverage—but behind the door with the unexciting red sign was a thriving opium den, one of the hundreds throughout Bangkok, the fascinating capital of Siam, or Thailand, where everything and anything is legal.

I stepped inside with his Serene Highness Prince Prasobhuk, Sukhavasi, grandson of the King of Siam who inspired "Anna and the King of Siam" and the musical "The King and I."

### Protector

The prince who is no more than five feet tall was originally nicknamed Nid, Siamese for small, but in the American university where he was educated it became Ned.

I must explain right away that Prince Ned was there as guide and protector. He is not an opium addict. Neither am I, though I read Graham Greene diligently.

We were greeted, of course, by a huge so thick it was nearly edible and by a Chinese den-keeper so thin he was hardly discernible.

The den, what I could see of it, was a low-ceilinged room



about the size of the average English church hall with rows of long wall-to-wall wooden tables which I can only describe as refectory style without intending sacrilege.

Each table or bench was divided into small cubicles but the partitions were single spars providing no privacy. But then, as Prince Ned pointed out, opium provides its own privacy.

It was a busy night. In the old den, every cubicle that was visible had its smoker reclining on the hard wood as if it were a couch, wearing a mostly white shirt and shorts and smoking a pipe. Charlie, the Chinese keeper, said with a broad Chinese smile he could find room for us.

Prince Ned explained that we just wanted, to see what went on but that we were not spies from the Narcotics Division of the United Nations. Charlie, smiling a little less, said we had better buy some opium anyway.

We didn't argue with Charlie. He shuffled off and brought back a small round brown tin containing a supply of black opium. It cost the equivalent of

seven shillings, which might be considered very cheap for a passport to paradise.

We were led by Charlie to a vacant cubicle, passing several rows of reclining smokers. They were either engrossed in prepping the opium for smoking or gazing rapturously at the ceiling after smoking. A few were sleeping with the blissful smiles of drugged exotic dreams. Prince Ned said patriotically: "You'll notice that not only is the den run by Chinese but most of the customers are Chinese. You don't find many Thais in dens like this."

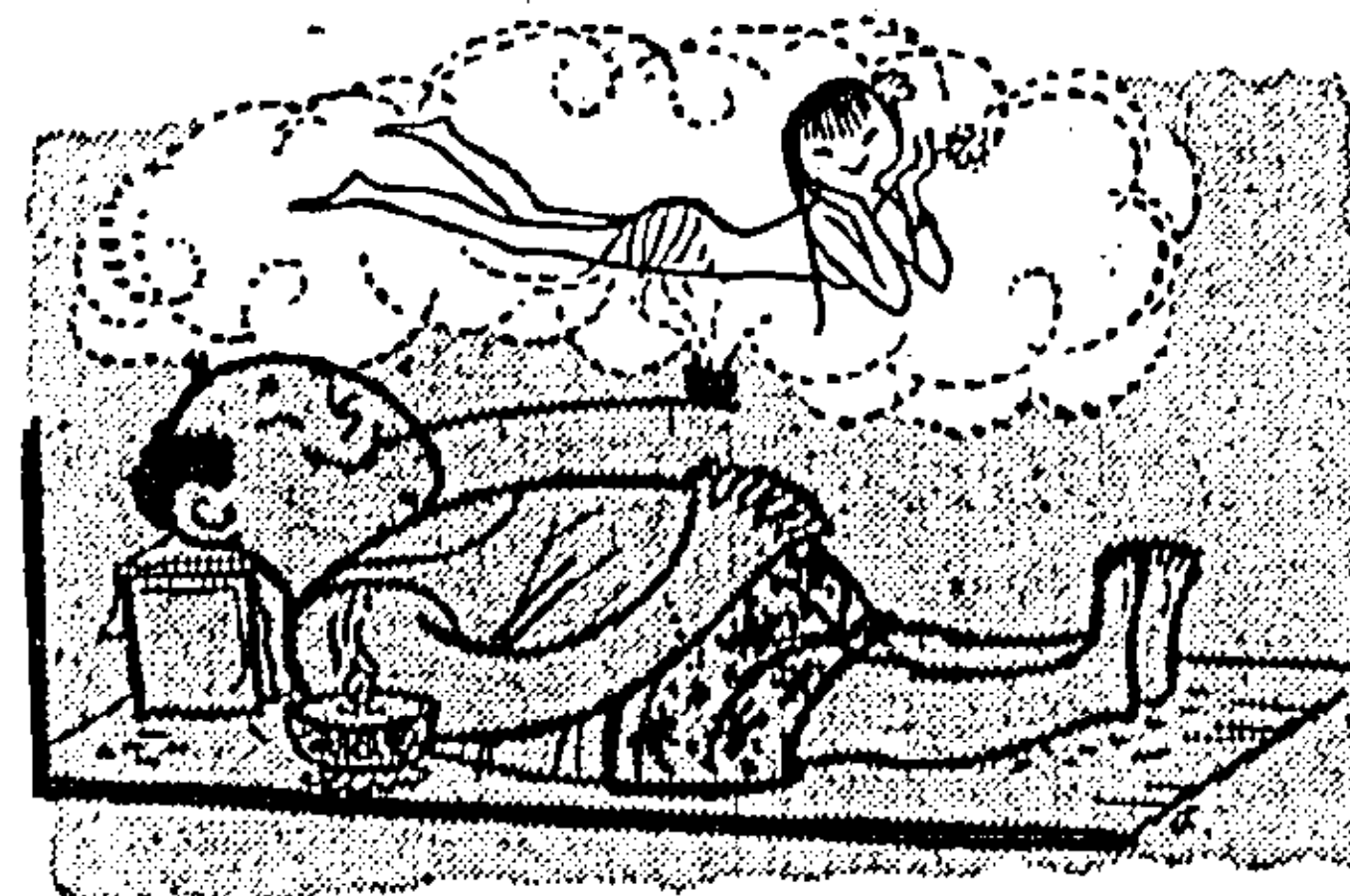
When we were installed in a cubicle squatting on the hard wood, Prince Ned produced from his pocket a bottle of whisky, the produce of Scotland fortunately, not of his own beloved Thailand.

### Rapturous

Charlie said: "Whisky velly silly. Opium better for making happy, opium quicker." He was doubtless dead right, but we stuck to the slower stuff, while he started to prepare the quicker, obviously on the principle that it would be silly to let it lie unused.

With a thin stick he scooped out a small ball of opium which looked like sticky black ointment. He lay down with his head on a square tin covered with a grubby cloth and held the ball of opium on the end of the stick over a small oil lamp.

After heating the ball for several minutes he stuffed it into the bowl of the long wooden pipe, blew and inhaled strongly. Finally he exhaled a



heavy cloud of opium smoke and sighed contentedly. He repeated the process.

### The setting

The prince and I settled down to whisky and conversation. If you think an opium den is a mad setting for a conversation you don't know Bangkok. It is a cacophony of car horns hooting, bicycle bells ringing, starved dogs whining, mosquitoes buzzing, lizards croaking and Siamese shrilling which can be heard everywhere except in the smoke-insulated opium dens.

The prince talked about Anna, the English governess who worked for his grandfather King Mongkut and looked after his father, the Prince Adisara.

"I never knew her, of course but my father used to tell me she was a very forbidding woman. She certainly wouldn't have approved of anyone, particularly a prince, coming to a place like this, neither would my grandfather. He was a very pious man. He spent 20 years as a Buddhist priest before he became king."

"But it is difficult to ban opium completely in a country like this with such a large Chinese population. With legalised dens like this the Government can keep some check on it and also make some revenue from taxation."

## FRANCE TELLS BRITAIN 'DON'T MEDDLE IN THE ALGERIAN WAR'

From SAM WHITE: Algiers.

ROBERT LACOSTE, French Resident Minister in Algeria, told me that any Anglo-American "meddling" in the Algerian war would touch off "tragic disorder" here.

He was referring to the possible consequences of the "good offices" mission of Mr Robert Murphy, United States Under-Secretary of State, who has just returned from a visit to President Bourguiba of Tunisia.

M. Lacoste, burly former trade union leader and lifelong Socialist, is far and away the most discussed French politician today.

His pug-nosed and obstinate make him the physical symbol of those in France who wish to see the three-year-old Algerian war through to a finish.

### Suspicion

He spoke to me against a background of growing pessimism in Paris and of intense suspicion in Paris and here that the "good offices" mission of Mr Murphy in France's dispute with Tunisia would lead to an "inter-nationalisation" of the Algerian problem.

He received me in his huge office in the skyscraper building which houses France's administrative machine in Algiers.

The bustling city outside resembles nothing more than a South Coast town on the eve of D-Day.

The place is alive with troops and despite the fact that it is six months since the last terrorist outrage here, it bristles with military alertness.

In the brilliant Mediterranean sunshine patrols with Tommy-

guns and rifles at the ready weave through the thick shopping crowds.

Every now and again someone is stopped and searched.

Enter a public place with a parcel and you are immediately ordered to open it. To complete the picture of a city at war a midnight curfew replaces the blackout.

M. Lacoste expanded on the Anglo-American good offices mission when I asked him if the French blunder in bombing the Tunisian village of Sakiet was not responsible for its creation.

"Don't you believe a word of it," he said, with a broad smile. "An incident like Sakiet was inevitable. You can't expect an army to allow itself indefinitely to be attacked from behind a supposedly neutral frontier."

"But even without Sakiet, Bourguiba would have tried to get Britain and America to interfere in the war."

"Sakiet only made it easier. At the first hint that we were prepared to do a deal with the Algerian rebels—and this is what Anglo-American good offices if extended to include Algeria would mean—this place would blow up."

### Elections

When I asked him if Bourguiba were not holding Nationalist at bay to win support from the West, M. Lacoste said: "It's not Bourguiba who controls the rebels."

"It is they who control him. Bourguiba while pretending to be a friend of the West has succeeded in bringing Russia into the Algerian war."

"The bulk of the weapons we are now capturing come from Eastern Europe and are brought

usually include escorting columnists to an opium den. The lady in the opposite cubicle leaned over and asked if we would kindly give her a spot of opium. Prince Ned gallantly offered her whisky. She looked horribly shocked, she screamed Siamese abuse at us.

### Women!

It was time to go. We left Charlie puffing and smiling beatifically. Prince Ned said sadly: "Women shouldn't be

admitted to a place like this. They just cause trouble." A lesser prince might have been tempted to stop for a consoling nerve-soothing, trouble-eradicating puff. Instead he stopped outside next to the non-intoxicating red sign to sip a little whisky, which is slower but safer. He said again: "Everything is changing, women definitely shouldn't be admitted."

I had to tell Prince Ned they were even going to admit women to the House of Lords in England.

### ORIENTAL GLANCES

## First, about a cat....

BRITISH Ambassador to Siam is a gentleman called Richard Whitteman and he has a cat and it is Siamese, of course. He accepts the inevitable facetious remarks diplomatically. He has to.

A WHITE elephant, the first since 1827, has been found in Siam and presented to the king according to tradition, which decrees that such a rarity is almost sacred.

I wouldn't have missed the ceremony when His Majesty garlanded it and fed it with specially selected bananas and young coconuts and will always treasure the announcement which said: "The white elephant had all the traditional requirements including pink body colour." It also said: "The possession of a white elephant is considered lucky and has been the cause of several wars."

LOCAL monetary unit is the tical, which is worth about fourpence. It is pronounced tickle. Bartering is the accepted custom for most purchases, so even the most innocent transaction can take on embar-

assing and ambiguous meanings. I shall not elaborate.

I HAD to spend a day in Calcutta waiting for a plane to bring me back to London. I was less strict there than in Bombay and Delhi, but when I asked for a bottle of champagne the waiter said: "I can't give you any. I asked for a whisky and the waiter said: 'I can't give you any. I can't give you anything to drink. It is the one day of the week when Calcutta is dry.' It was also the one day of the year when I try to celebrate my birthday."

PRIZE-FIGHTING here is a unique indigenous art which allows the contestants to kick as well as punch each other. Their feet are bare. A Siamese band plays during the rounds to inspire them. At one night's display in the Bangkok stadium the American lady tourist next to me said to her husband: "I'm real disappointed. They do each other more damage at the fights in Madison Square Garden and they're only using their fists." At that moment Rokinat Loongatule, described in the programme as "tough slugged fighter with limbs," kicked his opponent under the chin into unconsciousness. The lady decided to stay. I left.

## ROUND UP

### Moscow

BRITISH European Airways will start flights from London to Moscow, via Copenhagen, some time this summer under an agreement signed here. And Russia's Aeroflot will fly Moscow-Copenhagen-London.

The flights—BEA's longest—will start on a four-line-a-week schedule, later to be extended to six a week, three return flights by each company.

Lord Douglas, chairman of BEA, said that the most new air routes, this one would probably not pay for the first couple of years, but he hoped it would promote bigger tourist exchanges between the two countries.

BEA will at first use Vickers Viscount turbo-prop planes and the flying time will be about six hours. If Aeroflot use TU-104 jets, it will be less than four hours. But they may use IL-18 turbo-prop because they are less noisy than the jets.

Lord Douglas said he had discussed the new air service with Khrushchev, who expressed pleasure that it would soon start, and said: "It is much better to carry passengers to London than bombs."

BEA has ordered six Comet Mark IVs for the end of 1959, said Lord Douglas, and when these were available there would probably be a non-stop Moscow-London service with a flying time of about four hours. As it is, the new service will be the quickest way of getting to Moscow, not only from London but also from New York "until U.S. lines open their own service."

Lord Douglas said Pan-American Airways were "loping with this idea," and he had the impression that Aeroflot would welcome it.

### Katmandu

AN American expedition, led by W. M. Russell, has entered the upper gorge of the Arun River Valley to start a three-months search for the Abominable Snowman.

The main expedition party, consisting of the leader, two other members, twelve Sherpa guides, and four boogie dogs, started their trek from Bhairatar, South-east Nepal.

The Nepal government has given permission for dogs to go along to "smell out" the Snowman. But they mustn't kill it.

### Karachi

ARCHAEOLOGICAL excavations at Kot Diji, in the princely Khairpur state, 200 miles north of Karachi, have added "new" to the knowledge of Pakistan's history.

Until now, Harappa-Mohen-jodaro, an Indus Valley civilisation, dating back to 2500 BC, was considered the oldest, and was contemporaneous with Mesopotamian civilisation.

The Kot Diji excavations, besides ante-dating the Indus Valley civilisation by 200 years, makes the Kot Diji civilisation older and contemporaneous with the Indus Valley civilisation.

Besides pottery, the Kot Diji excavations have revealed a massive fortified citadel, with spacious rooms and mudbrick flooring.

### Singapore

SINGAPORE merchants trading with Indonesia have refused to accept Jakarta currency because millions of counterfeit notes are flooding Java and Sumatra.

Result: a sharp drop in the exchange rate of the Indonesian rupiah.

The official rate has dropped from three rupiahs for one Straits dollar to nearly six. The black market rate has dropped from eleven rupiahs for one Straits dollar to 16.5.

Traders say the counterfeit notes are so well made it is impossible to tell them from genuine ones.

The dud notes are reported to be made in Japan.

### Christchurch, N. Z.

NUCLEAR power plants may be used for generating electricity at American Antarctic bases, the Commander of the United States Antarctic expedition, Rear Admiral G. Dufek, said.

He said atomic plants would tremendously reduce supply problems. When the bases were built, 42 per cent of the cargo was diesel fuel. When the bases were being re-supplied the fuel component was 76 per cent of the cargo.

"Atom power is the answer for the future, especially for Hawaii, Wilkes and McMurdo," he added.

Admiral Dufek could "speak with authority" that the United States had no military bases in the Antarctic and had "no intention whatsoever of building military bases in the Antarctic, sub-Antarctic or the surrounding waters."



## BOOTH'S

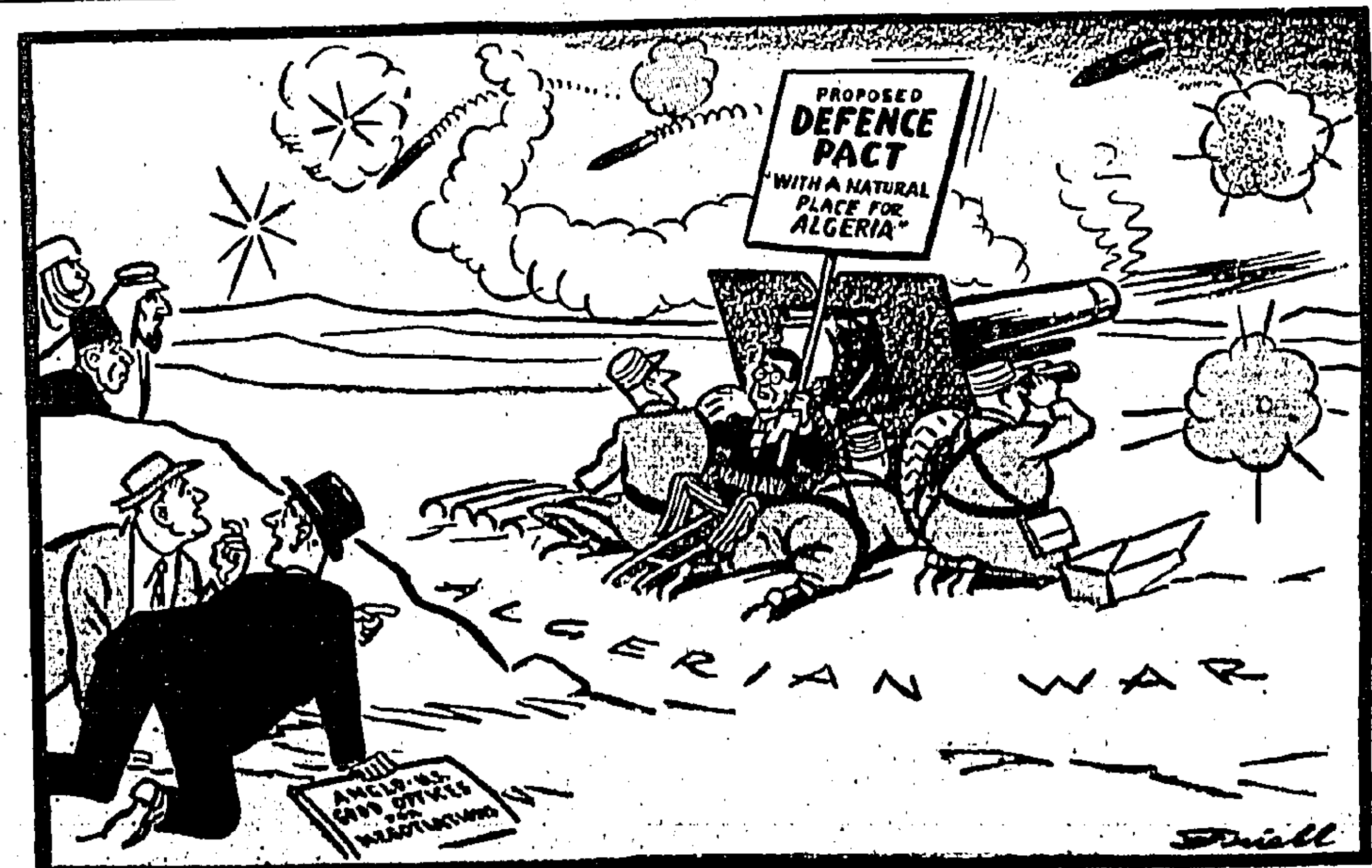
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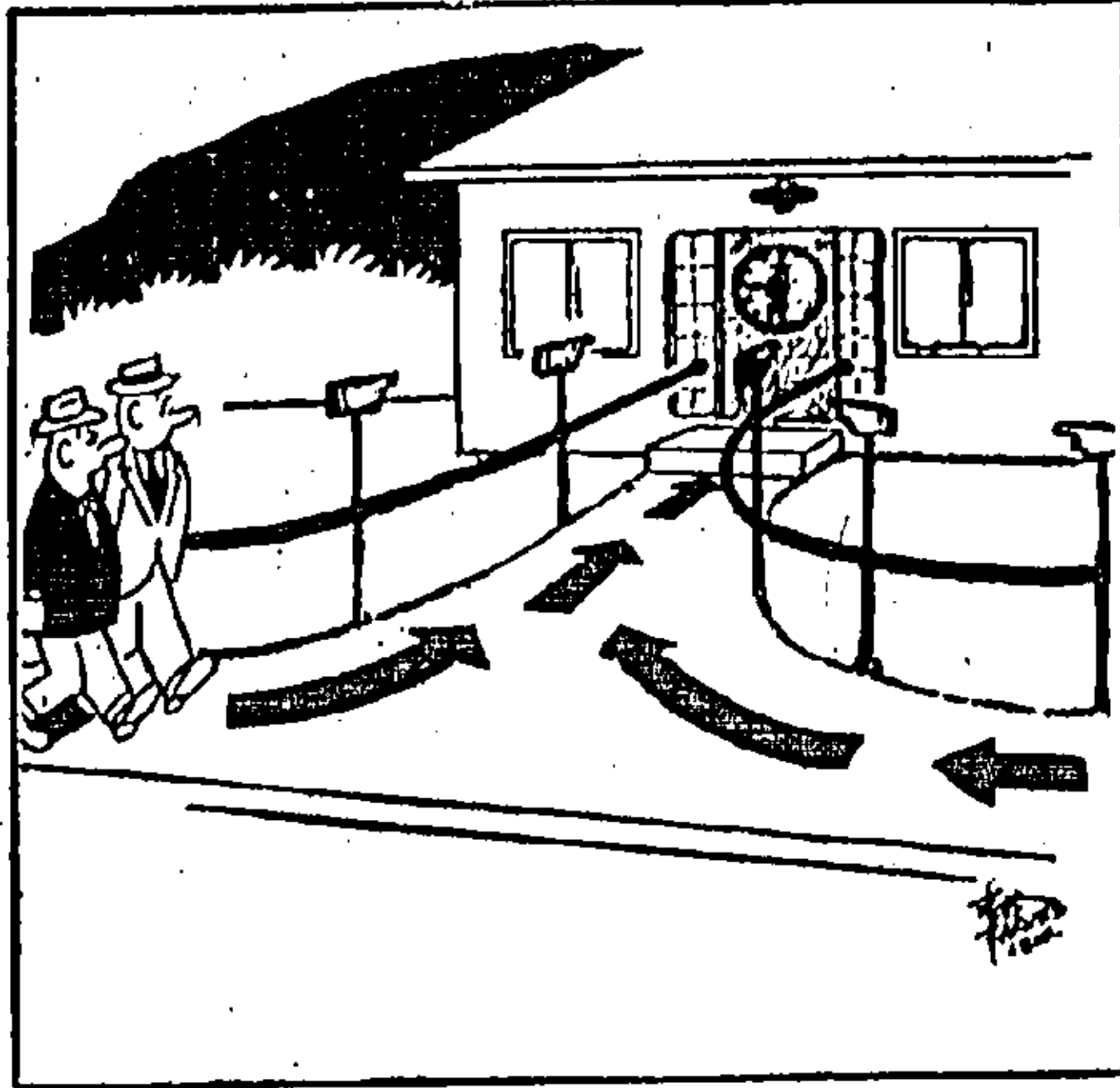


"He says it's a good idea and he's putting in another 30,000 troops to convince them!"

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## This Funny World



"I understand he's a pretty heavy drinker."

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

**BORN** today, you have a forceful personality and are well-fitted for public life in one of its various forms. It is likely that politics will interest you at a fairly early age, and if you broaden your outlook beyond the local scene, you can become an outstanding statesman, as well. If you are not content with being a big frog in a little pond, you will find it almost as easy to grow into a big frog in a big pond. You have the ability to make friends, influence people and gain their support.

Naturally, anyone as positive as you are will also make enemies. However, you have a great facility for eventually turning enemies into friends. Even those who may disagree with you, will respect you for your opinions. There is a hint of authority in your manner which cannot be ignored or denied. You have great presence of mind and are calm in a crisis. You seem to know what should be done. Many will disagree with what you do.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Be eminently practical in all that you undertake today. Avoid high-flying ideas without any factual basis.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Let your intuitions guide you wisely. Pay attention to your health and guard against an upset in this direction.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Take a trial balance of your assets and liabilities. See that you are going where you want to. If not, change your direction.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—Get your affairs in order. A day for clearing the decks of unfinished business, to be ready for new plans.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23)—Press personal affairs. Do the things that need to be done on the domestic scene. Handle a legal matter competently.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Take stock of your life. Tie up any loose ends in important affairs that

but at least you have done something; you don't sit back and wait for someone else to do it! You have a vital and magnetic personality and are attracted to those with similar traits. However, you might become romantically involved with someone who is not your cultural equal. There may be a tremendous romantic pull—but think twice before marrying this type. You would all too easily tire of one who has physical charm but a limp or undeveloped mind! You are also so mentally vigorous to wed a "sissy-pammy."

Among those born on this date were: Grover Cleveland, U.S. President; Margaret Culkin Banning, author; Richard Pearson Strong, diplomat; John C. Calhoun, statesman; Francis Lieber, educator, and Betty Compton, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

are dangling. Get them straightened out.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Question new propositions carefully before making any important decision. Intuition should be a safe guide now.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Follow through on the basis of yesterday's beginnings. Enjoy pleasant recreation evening.

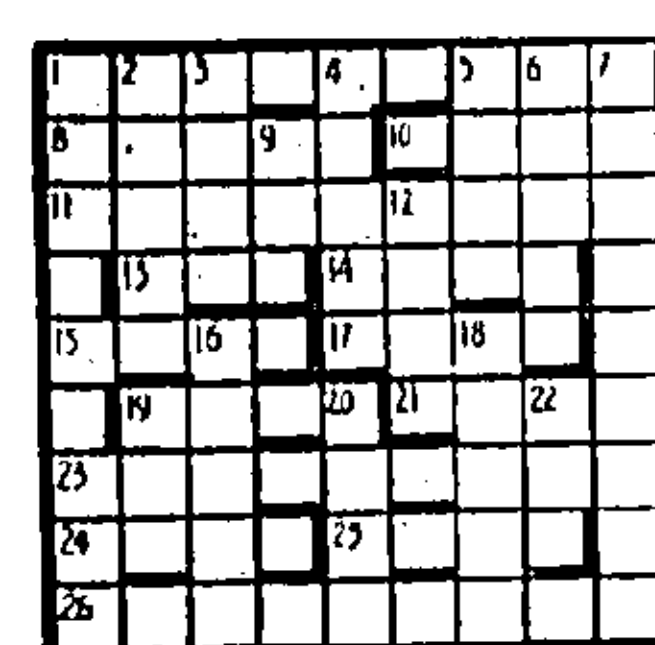
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Take a positive and aggressive position in current affairs. See that everything is straightened out as you want it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Relax tensions today. Make sure that any newly offered opportunity is exactly what you want. Otherwise refuse it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This is a good enough day. You can make it what you wish. Blame yourself, not your stars, if you fail.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Best to stick closely to routine. Don't act on impulse, since the wrong move now could prove most unfortunate.

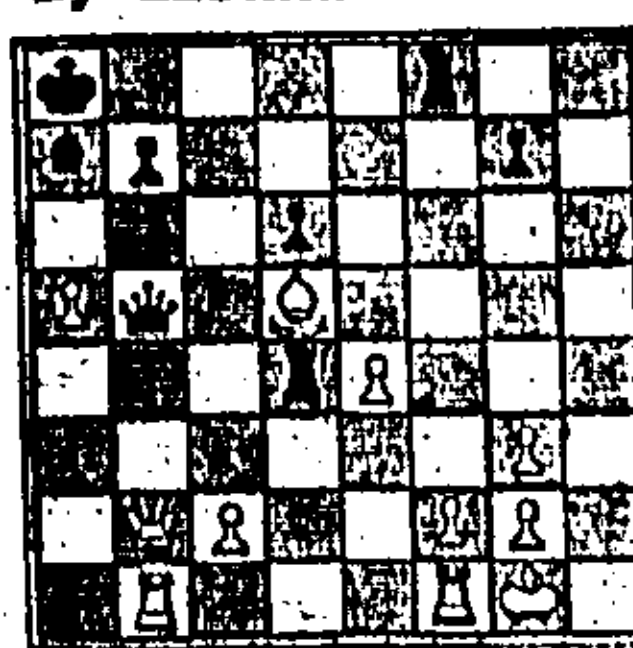
## CROSSWORD



- Across
- Old weapons (6-4)
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## CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play; Black to move, and win.  
—London Express Service

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

North Bids 7 With Fortitude

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY's hand proves nothing except that spades are a mighty nice suit.

West's choice of a one-club opening was normal. He had a little too much in high cards for a preemptive bid. North's four of spades was also normal. He had a real freak hand and might well romp home with four spades even if South showed up with a bust.

East considered an immediate jump to seven clubs but restrained himself for one reason only. He wanted to cash in on a slam bonus and did not want North and South defending at seven spades. Hence, East bid six clubs only.

South did not really expect to make six spades but knew his

NORTH		25	
♠ A J 10 5 4 3 2			
♥ 7 6 5 4 3 2			
♦ None			
♣ None			
WEST (D)	EAST		
♠ None	♠ None		
♥ Q 9	♥ A K J 10 8		
♦ K Q 10 6	♦ A J 4 2		
♣ A J 10 9 5 3 2	♣ K Q 7 4		
SOUTH			
♠ K Q 8 7 6			
♥ None			
♦ 8 7 5 3			
♣ 8 6			
Both vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
1 ♣	1 ♠	6 ♣	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	7 ♣	Double
Redbl.	7 ♣	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♥ K			

partner couldn't be hurt at that contract and South certainly thought that East and West could make their six clubs.

West also did not think that six spades could make but he was willing to have his partner bid the grand slam. Hence, his pass to six spades. East obliged with the grand slam bid and at this point South doubled.

South's double was a request to his partner for an unusual lead. South was not sure of his position in current affairs. See that everything is straightened out as you want it.

West did not know what was going on exactly but thought a redouble was in order.

Now North did a lot of thinking. What was his partner's double based on? Was it an ace? Not likely in view of the opponents' bidding. Could it be a void suit? Could it be a void heart suit? Yes, in all probability.

In that case North could see the spade grand slam and took his partner's double of seven clubs out to seven spades.

## CARD SERVICE

Q—The bidding has been:  
South West North East  
1♣ 1♠ Double Redbl.  
2♣ 2♦ Double Pass  
You, South, hold:  
♠ A65 ♣ KQ8764 ♣ K94  
What do you do?  
A—Pass. You have told your partner that you are interested in a double of a low contract. He has heard you.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
You hold the same hand. Instead of doubling two spades your partner has bid four diamonds. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY  
by Beachcomber

IT is a mistake to expect anything but fish and other marine personnel in an aquarium. A party of tourists from the North of England complained of the dullness of an aquarium they visited. Did they expect bathing beauties in the tanks?

For one who is not interested in marine life, an aquarium has nothing to offer, though the dreary round was varied once at Brighton, when it was found that some saucy fellow had brought in an enormous tank containing a rhinoceros and labelled "Japanese mackerel."

## A friendly atmosphere

THERE are signs that formal behaviour on the concert platform is giving place to a more friendly approach to the audience. At the Albert Hall recently a singer talked and joked with the audience, who, losing their shyness, shouted back. I hope this kind of thing will spread to opera. Most audiences today would respond warmly to an invitation to join in an aria, especially if the words were printed on the backcloth. And it would be fun to hear the diva say, at the end of

a love duet, "Of course we were over pretending"; or after a sustained high note, "How's that for sound, folks?"; or to see the tenor jerk his thumb at the soprano, and hear him say, "I don't know how that sounded to you people, but it's pretty well defended me," as he staggered back in mock alarm.

## Tra-la-la

A PROFESSOR of Social Geography, in the course of some remarks about "selling scenery," said: "We ought to build an Ocean Boulevard around Devon and Cornwall, with motels and parking points for viewing the scenery." I would go further, and have roving, uniformed guides in smart cars. Loud-speakers on the cars, and also at beauty spots, would draw attention to the scenery, and helicopters would scatter leaflets all over the two counties, in order to overcome the sales-resistance of staid tourists. In every motel a tourist official would give running commentaries on the view from the windows, and there would be lectures on how to look at scenery. Let Butliver Ltd. Organise Your Holiday.

WOMANSENSE  
LADY SPRING 1958

- HARDY AMIES:** This designer's "Lady Spring 1958" will wear an elegant little suit in a basket weave suiting such as this one with a straight loose back and the fronts curved in to flatter the bustline. The wide-collared jacket fastens at the side, ties replacing buttons. Her short skirt has trouser pleats in front and in the hollow of her back, and tapers to the hem.
- JOHN CAVANAGH:** The back line has evolved into something of extreme elegance and sophistication, as is indicated by this simple day dress shadow-fitted to the body by being cut on the cross, which is revealed only in movement. The material chosen, a beige, grey and white pincheck worsted (Dumas and Maury), holds the line and by the use of bands of the material, supplies all necessary trimming.
- CHARLES CREED:** Jumper tops, which are a fashion of the moment, require the pose of a smart woman to prevent their resemblance to a mere "sloppy Joe". Made in a sand-coloured Linton tweed, picking up the colour of the Linton tweed check skirt and matching topcoat, the outfit has immediate sophistication.
- NORMAN HARTNELL:** The real "couture" look, as befits a royal dressmaker, is seen in the fine handwork and craftsmanship of this house. Every line of a model has a logical meaning. So the cleverly contrived collar of this jacket is absorbed into back fullness held in each side at the seams. The skirt is slim but not too short. One of the popular canvas weave woolsens is used.
- LACHASSE:** A tiny shepherd check in navy and white is cleverly used to give added interest to this longer-jacketed suit with its sailor collar. The curved back is held by a slotted band of the material used diagonally. A diagonal band from waist to hem trims the skirt which is longer, reaching almost to mid-calf.

## Keep In Trim

By Ida Jean Kain

TO LOOK YOUNGER — STREAMLINE

## THE MIDDLE MEASUREMENT

**EXERCISE** is the streamlining measure by which you can change from a size 18½ to an 18 diminutive, or from any half size to a regular size. Today's exercise programme is designed to help you slim 2½ inches off the waist; 3 inches off the abdomen; and 2 inches off the hips.

To reduce the 12 pounds that stand between you and the smaller size, keep your calories at 1,600 a day, all in protective foods—lean meat, fish or fowl; eggs, skim milk or buttermilk; cottage cheese, green leafy and yellow vegetables and fruits. Have 2 thin slices of bread a day, and ½ a potato. Eat breakfast, including an egg, stop exercising, at dinner and cut fats all along the line.

Now for the slimming-toning exercises . . . for waist and stomach.

**Position:** Stand on knees, then simply sit back on heels. Have arms outstretched at shoulder level. Pull firmly up and in with abdominal muscles, and hold this contraction throughout exercise movement.

**Movement:** Bend slowly side-

wards to the right, aiming to touch fingers of right hand to floor at right, and at same time reach out with left hand, stretching clear to fingertips.

The rhythm is bend, s-l-e-e-c-h, hold 4-1-1-m. Make it slow and slithering.

Come back to position, bend to the left side and continue for six counts.

The second exercise reaches stomach and hip muscles . . .

**Position:** Lie on back, left knee bent, right leg straight down, arms out at sides, forearms back. (The arm position straightens shoulders.)

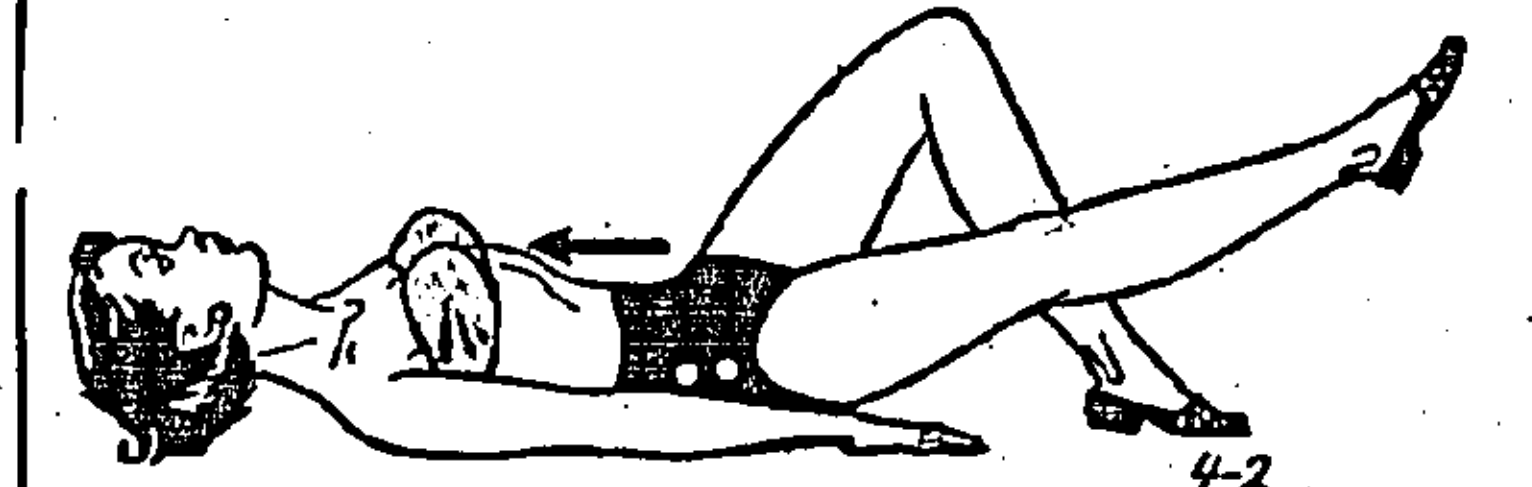
**Movement:** Swing right leg downward as far as it will go, then back to position, and swing leg straight up to right angle and s-l-o-w-l-y lower leg to floor. Swing again, about six times. Bend right knee and swing with left leg.

Now swing for the hips, combining swinging with holding.

**Position:** Lying on side, palms of hand braced on floor for support.

**Movement:** Swing top leg forward freely, then swing away back and again forward and back. On the second back swing, h-o-l-d. The rhythm is swing, swing, swing, h-o-l-d. Repeat six complete times, then change sides and swing with the other leg.

Instead of complaining that the half size fashions are matronly, get busy and alter your measurements as you reduce a dozen pounds! You'll be so happy that you did!



Tones abdomen and strengthens back

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Before washing heavily soiled work or play clothes soak for 10 to 15 minutes in hot soapy water to which half a cup of ammonia has been added.

Iron rays on the wrong side whenever possible. If you do iron them on the right side, use a press cloth and a well padded board.

Shower curtains need frequent cleaning.

Wash them in the bath tub, swishing them up and down in a tubful of suds, then in clean water. Hang back on shower

bar, spreading them out to dry. Never square, wring or twist shower curtains of any crisp material, such as, for instance, water-repellent taffeta, or deep surface creases may mar their appearance.

Wash gloves before they become too soiled, squeezing them gently through lukewarm soap-suds. Rubse thoroughly. Blot in a towel. Ease them into shape and place them flat to dry.

Treated properly, fabric gloves will keep their size and shape indefinitely.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## A Remarkable Thing

—Three Great Animals Envied A Little Bird—

By MAX TRELL

"IT's a pretty remarkable thing," Chirpie Sparrow was saying.

Knart, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, who were standing inside the room, went up to the window sill. That's where Chirpie was standing. Bread crumbs were scattered on the sill. Chirpie bent over and swallowed a couple of them.

"Yes, it's a remarkable thing," he repeated.

"What are you talking about, Chirpie?" Knart asked.

"It's a remarkable thing," Chirpie said, "that a small Sparrow like me should be better off than a Lion or a Tiger or an Elephant."

When Knart and Teddy asked Chirpie to explain what he meant by this, Chirpie said he would be glad to start from the beginning.

"But just excuse me a moment first, please," he said. "I'm a bit hungry."

flows. Then I flew across the river.

## Interesting Things

"I looked down and saw quite a number of interesting things. I saw automobiles rolling along the streets. I saw boats puffing up and down the river. I saw pigeons. I saw gulls. And, finally, after crossing the river, I looked down and saw that I was flying over a park."

"That's the Zoo!" said Knart. "Right you are," said Chirpie. "It was the Zoo all right."

"I flew a bit further over the place and saw some cages. Then I flew down to see who was inside of them."

"Animals were inside them," said Teddy.

Again Chirpie nodded.

## Paced Up And Down

"Inside the first cage was a Lion. He was a big, tawny beast and he was pacing up and down, lashing his tail and making roaring noises. I didn't get too near him, mainly because he looked too much like a big Cat. Being a Bird myself, I don't care too much for Cats."

"Nevertheless," said Chirpie, "I bade the Lion a pleasant good morning."

"Good morning, indeed," said the Lion to me, "I don't see anything good about it. I'm stuck in this old cage and I can't get out. It's a good morning to you, though, for you can fly wherever you like."

"Then I flew to the next cage," said Chirpie, "and there I saw a Tiger. He was almost as big as the Lion and he looked just as angry."

"Good morning," I said as cheerfully as I could.

## Terrible Snarl

He let out a terrible snarl. "It's a bad morning, that's what it is! Get me out of this cage!" said the Tiger. "Or better yet, find me a pair of wings like you have so that I can fly away!"



"I can't get out of this cage," the Lion told Chirpie.

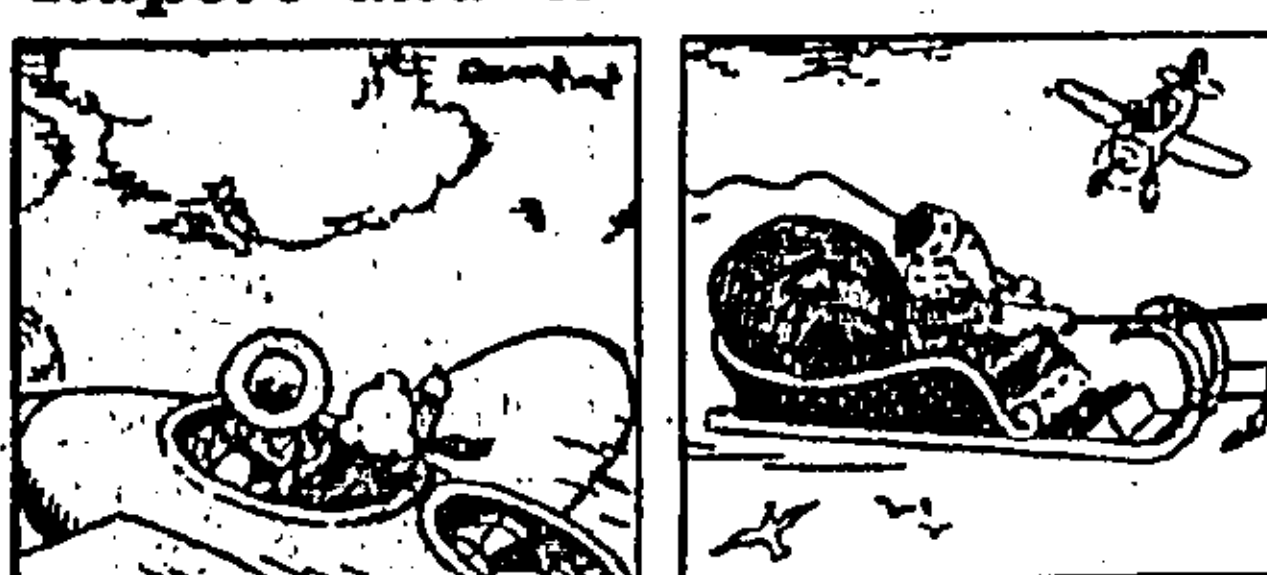
yet, find me a pair of wings like you have so that I can fly away!"

"In the third cage," said Chirpie, "I found an enormous Elephant. He wasn't angry like the Lion and Tiger. He just stood there sadly, swinging his big trunk back and forth like the pendulum of a clock."

"If only I was as small as you, Little Bird," said Chirpie. "I found an enormous Elephant. He wasn't angry like the Lion and Tiger. He just stood there sadly, swinging his big trunk back and forth like the pendulum of a clock."

"So," said Chirpie to Knart and Teddy, "I think it's a remarkable thing that three great Animals like a Lion, a Tiger and an Elephant should envy a little fly, wherever I please and need no live in a cage."

## Rupert and the Lost List—36



Rupert takes some time to become used to the speed of the plane. "We should be in Nottingham in no time!" he breathes. "But wait, look up there. Who's that? Surely it's Santa Claus himself going the other way. What's he doing? Has he finished his work already?" "No, I guess not," says the Cowboy. "I reckon he's stopping around hoping for some sign of Golly and the rest of us. We'd better make sure he sees me at least." Banking in a wide curve he drives the plane through and passes Santa Claus from the other side at great speed.

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# TAIWANESE BEAT PRESIDENT'S XV 29-0

## "Possibles" Do Well In Colony Trial

### By "PAK LO"

## PAKISTAN 194 RUNS AHEAD OF WEST INDIES IN FOURTH TEST

Georgetown, Mar. 17. Pakistan, 194 runs ahead of West Indies with five second innings wickets left, look to their captain Abdul Kardar and Wazir Mohammad to strengthen their position in the fourth Test here tomorrow.

West Indies, who need only draw this match to win the five game series, snatched a two run lead on first innings by scoring 410 in reply to Pakistan's 408.

## British Columbia Centennial Games On June 6-7

London, Mar. 17. Derek Robinson, the world's fastest miller, is included in a team of four which the British Amateur Athletics Board are sending to the British Columbia Centennial Games at Vancouver on June 6-7.

Robinson is nominated for the mile event, and, like George Knight, who is named for the three miles event, must have a chance of winning his race.

The team is completed by J. D. Wright (440 Yards) and M. A. Farrell (440 Yards and 880 Yards). Farrell reached the final of the Olympic 800 metres at Melbourne in 1956 while Wright is a keen, consistent athlete.

The British contingent will meet strong opposition for in addition to Canadian competitors, leading American athletes as well as continental ones—climbing a team from Poland—are expected to take part in the Games.

Announcing the team today, the British Amateur Athletics Board stated that the nomination of the four British athletes was "subject to their fitness at the time of departure."—China Mail Special.

## Basilio-Robinson Title Bout On March 25

New York, Mar. 17. World Middleweight Boxing Champion Carmen Basilio told the press here that he was confident of his chances in winning his forthcoming title bout with challenger and former titleholder Sugar Ray Robinson on March 25.

Basilio beat Robinson last year. He said that his biggest handicap was Robinson's height. He remarked, "I've got to aim my blows upwards and that weakens them."

He said he had learned a lot about Robinson's way of boxing. Basilio admitted that Robinson also now knew more about his style since the last time they fought. "But the difference between us is that I've beaten him once," Basilio said.—France-Press.

## British Boxer Leaves Hospital After 193 Days In A Coma

London, Mar. 17. British bantamweight boxer Jackie Tiller, who has been in a coma for 193 days since he was knocked out in a May 1956 fight in Doncaster, today left Wiltshire Hospital to continue his recovery at home.

The former 23-year-old boxer has never completely recovered consciousness after the tragic knockout which put an end to his boxing career.

At present, he is half-paralyzed and in a state of semi-consciousness. His parents feel that the atmosphere in his own home will help him to make further progress.—France-Press.

## Hashim Khan To Defend Scottish Squash Title

Edinburgh, Mar. 17. The Pakistani squash rackets star, Hashim Khan, will defend his Scottish Open Championship title here tomorrow night against a countryman, Mohibul Khan.

In today's semi-finals, Hashim Khan beat Pakistani Yusef Khan 6-10, 9-5, 9-6, 9-6, and Mohibul Khan beat Jamil Din of India, professional coach at Edinburgh Sports Club, 9-5, 9-5, 8-10, 9-4.—United Press.

Pakistan were 196 for five at the close of the fourth day's play today. The match ends on Wednesday.

Kardar joined Wazir with the score 130 for five when Pakistan seemed likely to be dismissed for a very moderate total. But they fought stoutly and at the close had put on 88 in 75 minutes in an unbeaten sixth wicket stand.

Wazir is 54 not out and Kardar is not out 35. Kardar, the more aggressive, has hit six fours.

## Keen Fielding

A slow outfield caused by heavy weekend rain and keen fielding resulted in only 215 runs being scored in the day's play.

Before Wazir and Kardar came together Pakistan were in trouble against spin bowlers Gibbs and Collye Smith who both flighted the ball cunningly and kept a good length.

Imtiaz Ahmad, Saeed Ahmad—who hit a century in the first innings—and Hanif Mohammad were all out cheaply.

But Hanif, caught when he had made 14, stayed long enough to reach his 1,000 runs for the tour.

Only Alim-Ud-Din, who opened with Imtiaz, had looked comfortable among the batsmen. He had made 41 and was fourth out at 102.

West Indies who resumed today at 391 for eight were all out for 410 after the ninth wicket.

Gibbs and Roy Gilchrist had added 10 in nearly as many minutes.

Gilchrist fell to 16-year-old leg spin bowler Nasirul Ghani who finished with five for 110.—Reuter.

## Hungarian Soccer Federation Bans All Trips Abroad

Budapest, Mar. 17. The Hungarian Soccer Federation decided today to ban all trips abroad by Hungarian teams until April 13 so as to facilitate Hungarian preparation for the World Championships in Sweden in June.

The Federation specially excepted, however, the Budapest "Vasas" squad which is scheduled to play a European Cup match against "Real Madrid" on April 2 in Madrid.

The Hungarian Championships will be adjourned on April 13 until after the World Cup finals.

The Hungarian selection will play Yugoslavia on April 20 and an as yet unpicked team on April 27 in its last two games before leaving for Sweden on May 28.—France-Press.

## A New Indoor 3,000 M Record By E. German

Berlin, Mar. 17. Friedrich Jankke of East Germany set up a new record for the indoor 3,000 metres when he clocked eight minutes 9.4 seconds during an athletic meeting in East Berlin yesterday, the East German ADN Agency reported today.

The previous best for the event was eight minutes 10.8 seconds, set up by East German Klaus Richtzenhain, second in the 1,500 metres at the Melbourne Olympic Games.—France-Press.

## SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINALS DRAW

London, Mar. 17. The draw for the Scottish Cup semi-finals on April 5 resulted today as follows:

Motherwell v Clyde, to be played at Celtic Park, Glasgow. Rangers v Hibernians, at Hampden Park, Glasgow.—Reuter.

Yesterday evening the touring Taiwanese XV thrashed the HKRU President's XV by the comfortable score of 29 points (4 goals, 3 tries) to nil, and proved if proof was needed that they were fit to play the Colony XV on Wednesday, instead of a Services XV which will have no member of the Colony team in it.

If this game against the Services is played the Taiwanese will again easily emerge the victors.

The excuse given by the Colony selectors for not playing the Colony XV against the Taiwanese is that they are afraid of injuries to the Colony XV. Now this is always a possibility, but it is fair to these keen visitors, who have shown their undoubted ability in their two matches here, to play against them on Wednesday a XV which is neither in fact poorer nor has ever played together as a XV?

Instead the selectors should put the Colony XV against the Taiwanese and let the Colony show what they can do. Whether they beat the Taiwanese or not is immaterial, but at least the Taiwanese will have the pleasure of playing against the full Colony XV, and will then be better able to judge their own abilities.

After last night's final trial it was all too obvious that injuries would not greatly affect the Colony XV for many of the best players were far better than the Colony XV and the fact that the Colony only won by 6 points (2 tries) to 5 points (1 goal) speaks for itself.

Yesterday evening showed that with a Chinese XV in action there is an appeal to their own race for last night's crowd for the first game was well sprinkled with Chinese spectators. Think then what a boost for the game this Taiwanese XV is offering, for if local Chinese can be interested in the game, then perhaps they too can be persuaded to play, or if not to play then to watch.

That the Chinese would turn out in big numbers to watch Taiwan play the Colony I have little doubt, but I sincerely doubt whether they will show the same interest in a Taiwan XV versus a Services XV.

## Taiwan v HKRU

The Taiwanese never looked like losing this game from the first whistle, for they were faster, fitter, and made much more use of their three forwards.

They had the advantage of almost continual possession of the ball, for they outkicked the President's pack, and their jumping in the lineouts was beautifully timed to collect the ball which was thrown in to the lineouts hard and fast.

The Taiwan hooker, Chung Shuang-hsing, shone particularly in the lineouts and the President's pack had no one to match him. Chung Ko-hsin in the three-quarters showed an almost phenomenal burst of speed which completely dazzled the President's backs, and with Hsiao-min fumbling his way through the game the defence was woefully weak.

This was in direct contrast to Chung Kuen-hsi, the Taiwan full back whose positioning and tough kicking were extremely good.

For the President's XV Hunter was without doubt the star, but Lloyd, until his injury sent him off the field, somehow did not manage to link up well with Hunter, and too many of his passes going astray. Kilvert also shone for the President's.

## Canadian Ice Hockey Team Lose In Europe

London, Mar. 17. Canada's victorious ice hockey team, the Whittys Dunlops, lost their first match in Europe when they were beaten 6-2 here tonight by Wembley Lions, the British League Champions.

The Canadians had gone 22 games in Europe without defeat and had conceded only six goals throughout the recent World Championships in Oslo. Tonight they did not live up to their reputation.

Wembley built up a 4-2 lead in the first period, and scored two more goals in the second. The Dunlops improved to hit but they left their rally too late.—Reuter.

## ICE HOCKEY

Moscow, Mar. 17. The Soviet Union ice hockey team beat the touring United States side 5-3 here today, according to Tass, the Soviet news agency.—Reuter.

line, for beyond Watson and Valentine, Goulds was the next best centre on the field.

Surprisingly Leppard towards the end seemed decidedly unsettled and he was being caught in possession all too often, while Johnston was very steady under pressure and was often up to join in the three moves. Leppard looked absolutely safe until he mistimed a ball and slipped with it, and from then on he was never the same, but he should still make his place in the Colony XV.

In the Rest side Steward had a good game, but again he was no match for the wily Robertson who seems to be settling down nicely with O'Kelly.

The first score came after Cheong had been injured when from a lineout Valentine broke through the centre to pass out to Goulds. Goulds just touched down as he was tackled. No conversion. 3-0.

Then the Rest began to put on the pressure and from a scrum on the Colony 25 Watson got the ball and crashed his way through the defenders to score near the posts. Johnston converted. 5-3.

In the second half Valentine, Goulds and Sharp started a lovely attack, but Sharp was caught and the forwards were not able to time to back him up. There was a scrum five yards from the Rest line, and O'Kelly broke away to send Valentine over well out. No conversion. 5-5.

## The Sevens

Details of the first round of the Sevens are now to hand and are as follows:—Club ground, Wednesday, March 26; 5:20 p.m. Green Howards "B" v Club "C"; 5:40 p.m. Police "B" v HMS Crane; 6:00 p.m. Club "D" v HMS Modeste "A"; 6:20 p.m. 24 Fld v Modeste; 6:40 p.m. Police "A" v HMS Cardigan Bay; 7:00 p.m. RAF East Tank v 23 Fld "B"; 7:20 p.m. HQ Ammunition Depot v Green Howards "A"; 7:40 p.m. HMS Modeste "B" v Club "B"; 8:40 p.m. HMS Tamar "A" v Wayfong.

Details of the second round, which will be played on Thursday, March 27, will be published later.

## Winter Games Put Back A Few Days

New York, Mar. 17. Prentice Hale, Chairman of the Organising Committee for the 1960 Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, California, said today that at the request of several European countries, the opening date of the Games might be put back a few days.

The latest New York news conference that the committee had proposed February 19, 1960 as the opening date instead of February 12.—France-Press.

## FRENCH CYCLIST SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY

Paris, Mar. 17. The French Cycling Federation today suspended indefinitely Italy's Fausto Coppi and Belgium's Willy Van Vliet for "unjustifiably" dropping out of the Paris-Nice Cycle Race which ended yesterday.

The Federation, acting on a complaint from race promoters, also accused both riders of making dual commitments because they promptly competed in the Tour of Tuscany yesterday, which Van Vliet won.—France-Press.

Goulds' passing could have been bettered, but when he did see an opening he ran straight upfield, something quite a few other players could well learn to do.

The other player to shine was Penman, and with Green taking things far too easily and not backing up sufficiently Penman looks like a probable Colony wing forward. Cheong, until he was injured and had to leave, had another good game, and should his injury prove too serious, then I expect that both Goulds and Watson will take their places in the Colony three line.

## ROUND THE STABLES

## MAJOR PORTION CAN MEET FRENCH CHALLENGE

By JAMES PARK

No professional jump jockey has trained a classic winner in my time. So it will be a feather in the cap of trainer Ted Lender if Major Portion wins the 2,000 Guineas on May 1. Lender was one of the most successful cross-country riders of his day and crowned a notable career when he rode Sprig to victory in the 1927 Grand National. It was a family affair as the winner was trained by the jockey's father.

Ted Lender is now to all intents and purposes private trainer to Mr. H. J. ("Jim") Joel, at Saffron Lodge, Newmarket. His only other owner was Mr. Anthony de Rothschild, who has staged a minor comeback after a long absence and has two horses in training.

At present joint favourite for the first of the season's classic races, I can give the assurance that Mr. "Jim" Joel's Major Portion will be a danger to the best France can send over.

## Unbeaten

I was rather anxious to see how this unbeaten colt had progressed since his two-year-old days. As he walked round the paddock before the Middle Park Stakes, Neptune II and Kelly looked big enough to carry him in the race itself. Major Portion beat Neptune II by half a length, and a little cleverly in my opinion, with Kelly another two lengths away.

Yet the thought remained that the son of Court Martial might not develop to the same extent as some of his more generously proportioned rivals.

Now that I have seen him I have no doubts on that point. At 15 hands, 2½ inches the colt is an inch taller than was Hyperion when he won the Derby. Major Portion has filled out and put on weight in the right places and is a beautifully compact colt of excellent quality.

## Balance

There may be bigger rivals in the Guineas field but none will outweigh him for balance and symmetry.

Already the colt carries almost a summer's sheen on his coat and while he may not have an outburst before the classic he will be really fit. The Court Martial breed does not require a strong preparation and that is why the trainer is of the opinion that brought out fresh and well the colt should be capable of giving his true form without a preliminary outing.

I am, in every respect, thoroughly pleased with Mr. Joel's colt and should say he has at least made normal progress since his two-year-old days.

## May Develop

There will be other winners among the three-year-olds in the stable but none will achieve the brilliance of Major Portion. There is perhaps an outside chance that Rogosa may develop into a candidate for Derby honours.

That might be stretching the bow too far, but this fine upstanding colt, still something of an unknown quantity, has tremendous power and scope.

House of Lords is steadily gaining full strength but has too much to find before he could be rated in the top class. That he will win races I have no doubt. All the three-year-old fillies are backed in their coat but Billizard, Chandler and Mr. Anthony de Rothschild's Jimnah can be noted as certain winners when they strike form.

On the whole I like the fillies better than the colts in the two-year-old division. Crystal Palace (by Solar Elipper), Persian Beauty (by Tuivak and a half sister to Court Martial), Scarlet Flame (by Signal Light), and Courant (by Naucide), and Courtani (by Court Martial) all take the eye. Golden Crown is the first of Aureole's stock I have seen. A beautiful golden chestnut, he has all the makings of a racehorse. Foreign Order should be an early winner and later on we shall have to watch him.

## Only One Charge In French Team Against Wales

Paris, Mar. 17. The French Rugby Union team to meet Wales in Cardiff on March 20 shows one change from the side which beat the Australian Wallabies 19-0 here on March 9.

Pierre Danos, who played against England on March 1, has recovered from an injury sustained in the match and is preferred to Pierre Lacroix at scrum half.

The team is: Michel Vannier (Racing Club); Pierre Tarricau, Ier Martine, Maurice Prat and Henri Rancoule (all Lourdes); Antoine Labazuy (Lourdes); Pierre Danos (Toulon); Albert Quaglio (Mazamet); Robert Valler (Narbonne); Alfred Roques (Cahors); Michel Celaya (Biarritz); Capitain, Lucien Mias (Mazamet); Henri Domec (Lourdes); Jean Barthe (Lourdes); Michel Crauste (Racing Club).

Reserves: Jean Carriere, Pierre Lacroix, Amédée Douchet, René Arnaud, Marquessaz, — China Mail Special.

## Hogan Bassey Modestly Disclaims He Put Nigeria On The Map

Santa Monica, Mar. 17. A little former dock worker whose real name is Okeon Bassey Asuque, but who is better known to boxing fans as Hogan (Kid) Bassey, World's Featherweight Champion, modestly disclaims that he "put Nigeria on the map."

But to the sports fans, at least, Nigeria and Bassey are synonymous.

And Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, recognised the fact last New Year's Day by making Bassey a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

The 25-year-old Bassey defends his title on April 1 in Los Angeles against free-swinging, hard-punching Ricardo (Pajarillo) Moreno of Mexico. If the air of confidence that prevails in Bassey's camp is not misplaced, the crown on Bassey's head rests there securely.

For Bassey has demonstrated in a career in the ring dating back to 1949 that he is a boxer who combines both ring skill and a punch. And his appearance against Moreno is not his American debut. Bassey displayed his wares for the first time in the US 11 months ago when he defeated Miguel Barrios at Washington, DC, to win the right for a title bout against Cherif Hamla at Paris last June 24, scoring a 10th round knockout.

"I would not say I was a polished boxer from the day I stepped into the ring," Bassey added. "But I was agile and I learned fast."—United Press.

## Between Workouts

"I learned to box while I was going to school in Lagos—the

## US Supreme Court Agrees To Hear IBC's Appeal

Washington, Mar. 17. The United States Supreme Court agreed today to hear an appeal by the International Boxing Club against a lower court's decision which found the IBC guilty of monopolising organised boxing in the United States.

The decision, by the nation's highest court, is a victory for the IBC and its President, Jim Norris, who were found guilty by a New York Federal Court last year of violating anti-trust laws.—France-Press.

## HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Mar. 17. Results in tonight's English Football matches were: LEAGUE THREE SOUTH Coventry City 0, Aldershot 0. Millwall 2, Gillingham 1. Queen's Park Rangers 3, Reading 0. LEAGUE THREE NORTH Hull City 0, Tranmere Rovers 0.—Reuter.

Manager Jack Norton said though the Australians had had a happy tour they were anxious to get back to their families, particularly three of the side—Richie Benquid, Lindsay Kline and Ken Mackay—whose wives had children while they were away.—China Mail Special.

Luton Town has a knack of recruiting sons of former players. —Goalkeeper Eddie Marsh's father used to play for Chelsea, Gordon Turner's for Hull and Doncaster, John Graham for Derby and Alan Denme's for Luton and Aldershot. Then, of course, director Tommy Hodgson and manager "Daddy" Duncan are themselves former Luton players.

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## ASIAN GAMES

## Japanese And P.I. Swimmers Will Dominate The Rivalry

Manila, Mar. 18. Japan and the Philippines will dominate the rivalry in the coming Asian Games swimming competition, coach Marcelino Natividad of the Philippine swimming team predicted yesterday.

He forecast that Freddie Elizalde, butterfly stroke performer, would place first or second in the 200-metre event. Bana Salani and Amaplo Lozano, he added, would finish among the first three in the long distance swim while 100-metre free-styler Dikula Arabani "may pull a surprise."

Among the women swimmers, Gertrude Lozano, Haydee Coloso-Espino and Jocelyn Von Giese will be the top contenders in Tokyo, Natividad said. Espino and Von Giese defeated Japan's best in the 100-metre Asian Games here in 1954.—France-Press.

## Softball Junior League Final Standings

The following are the Hongkong Softball Association Junior League final standings:

	P	W	L	Perce
Seminoles	16	14	2	.875
Cheyennes	16	13	3	.813
P. I. Dodgers	16	12	4	.750
Comets	16	10	6	.625
University of HK	16	8	8	.500
Austers	16	6	10	.375
War Eagles	16	6	10	.375
Wah Ying	16	3	13	.188
South China	16	0	16	.000

## DRAWN TEST

Lagos, Mar. 17. Nigeria and Ghana drew their three-day cricket "test" which ended here today. With their last pair together, Nigeria were 10 runs short of victory, when stumps were drawn. Final scores: Nigeria 123 and 222 for nine; Ghana 160 and 194.—China Mail Special.

## THE BATTLE OF SWEDEN

## Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail, My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is:

of the ..... Club.

(Signed) .....

## Sports Diary

## TODAY

HKFA Council Meeting, Sports Road, 5.45 p.m.  
Badminton: Colony Senior Championships: Ladies' Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles, KCC, 7.30 p.m. Inter-collegiate: Badminton: KC v SSC, SM "A" v PHS, WY v S.P. (at Grantham Training College, 6 p.m.)

## TOMORROW

Colony Senior Championships: Men's Singles, Mixed Doubles, Rector 7.30 p.m.

## Tax Reductions For Illegal Bookmakers

Washington, Mar. 17. The United States Supreme Court ruled today that bookmakers could deduct expenses from their income tax, even if their business was illegal. It upheld a decision by a court in Chicago that three local bookmakers should be allowed tax reductions for rent and wages. Bookmaking is illegal in Illinois and most other states.—China Mail Special.

## Ill-Advised Criticism Could Harm Our World Cup Hopes

Says TOM FINNEY

If you read sports pages closely you will have noticed recently an increasing number of paragraphs showing just how seriously our rivals for the World Cup are preparing for the Battle of Sweden.

Or even if you are only a casual reader, you must have seen the increasing criticism of our own methods.

"Our men aren't playing or training together enough... we're hardly making any attempt to get them together for any length of time... we just shan't stand a chance"... and so on. That's how the criticism goes. You've read it, I've heard it. And I welcome this opportunity of hitting back and saying: it's NONSENSE.

I agree right away that, unless you are familiar with the respective soccer set-ups in rival countries, it might be worrying to hear this sort of information.

AUSTRIA are gathering their players together for weeks of rehearsing the Hungarian system of play. BRAZIL will reach the climax of their team's preparations with six international matches.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA have been sending three representative teams abroad to make sure no possible World Cup player is overlooked.

GERMANY are calling together teams of "probables" and "possibles" every fortnight for special training.

HUNGARY gathered their internationals together for mid-winter training, and will wreck their own late-in-the-season league programme by calling them away from their individual clubs again.

And very much the same kind of stories come from such widespread countries as ITALY, MEXICO (where transfers of players to foreign clubs have been banned), RUSSIA, YUGO SLAVIA and SWEDEN (who, despite the fact that no one but fellow Swedes gives them a chance, are building up their players' stamina with long courses of winter sports).

What, meanwhile, is ENGLAND doing? We, apparently, are carrying on with our League and Cup programmes as if the World Cup were three years, not three months, away.

Only the future can tell how we will fare in Sweden. But, even from this distance, I would say that if we don't win, or even do as well as you hoped, it will not be because of incompetent training schedules.

So many of England's critics have completely overlooked the vital point: that the other internationals in the world play as much football during a season as British internationals.

## Sixty Times

For our leading players—men who, for example, have been engaged in the League, FA Cup, European Cup, international matches, representative games, plus additional engagements like floodlight fixtures—it is by no means unusual to make well over 60 appearances a season.

And, contrary to the opinions of quite a section of our non-sports-playing public, the physical and mental strain of such a programme is tremendous.

If the English FA were to insist that between 20 and 30 of our top players meet for mid-week practices—with all the travelling it would entail—in

addition to their existing commitments, I can tell you what would happen: they would crack.

## The Business

They would quite certainly arrive in Sweden so stale that they'd feel sick as soon as they saw a football.

You may ask: well, why don't we insist that the English League clubs release these players and let them band together in one World Cup preparation squad NOW?

I agree that this sounds the perfect solution. But in my view it would be quite morally wrong. Remember that football clubs are run as a business. If they do not succeed as such, they go out of existence.

The clubs—Workington and Wrexham just as much as Wolves and West Bromwich Albion—are the businesses which find players, train them, provide them with first class medical attention and a good livelihood.

## The Customers

They do it so that they may win success in the League or the Cup. And if they can't do this they at least strive to provide as high class soccer as possible for their customers.

Imagine these last vital weeks of the season without 20 or 30 star players. Promotion struggles would become a farce; dozens of matches would become colourless—and you could hardly blame clubs if prospective England players suddenly became "off colour" when an international selector was watching.

Imagine Fulham and Blackburn battling for the possibility of an all-Second Division Wembley final without Johnny Haynes and Bryan Douglas. It's stupid, isn't it?

This, of course, doesn't mean I believe we should struggle over to Sweden looking as though we've just arrived for a holiday. But I do feel that, in view of all the difficulties, our present ideas of preparation are based on common sense.

The tragic Munich affair gave England problems they never thought would exist. But we shall have chances to iron out the major problems before the season ends.

Then we have three international matches during May in which to try out what will almost certainly be our final team: one match at Wembley (most probably against Portugal), another against Yugoslavia in Belgrade and finally a vital one against Russia in Moscow.

This, plus practice sessions and the chance for the team to settle down together as both friends and footballers, is quite sufficient.

This is not a Finney forecast that England will win the World Cup. But it is a plea to stop throwing spanners into the works with criticism that just isn't based on reason. (London Express Service).

## Amateur Boxer Dies After Fight

Albany, N.Y., Mar. 17. A 21-year-old amateur boxer died here today from injuries received when he was knocked out in the final round of a three-round bout last Saturday. The victim, James Porlor, was knocked out by a punch to the jaw from his opponent, Willie Seyne. Porlor was carried unconscious to the hospital where he died today.—France-Press.

## SCRATCHED

London, Mar. 17. Kertin was officially scratched from the Grand National Steeplechase, at 1140 GMT today.—Reuters.



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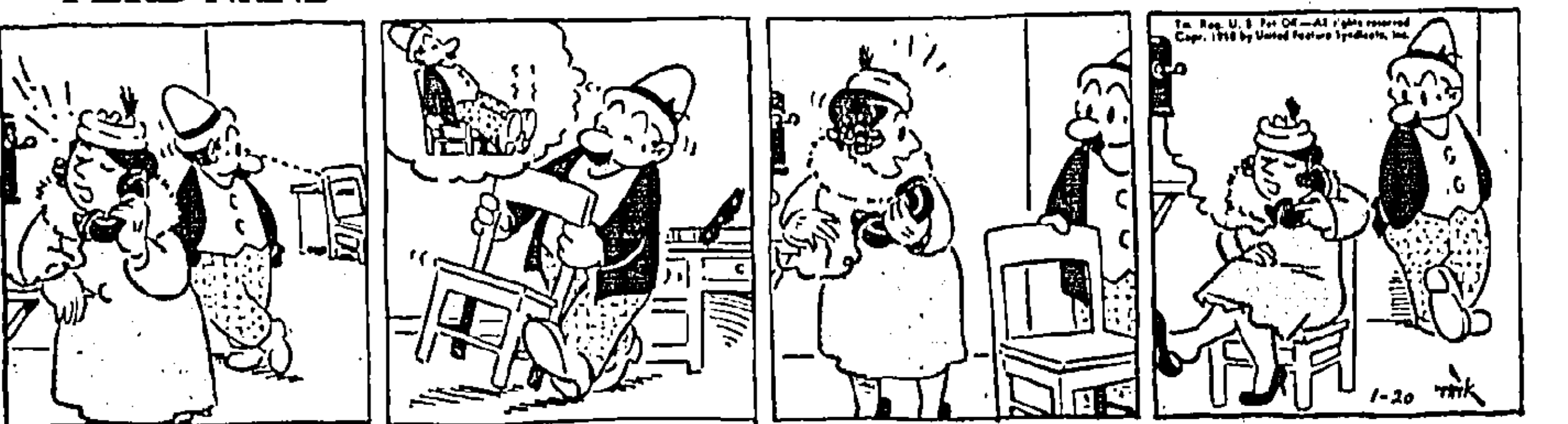
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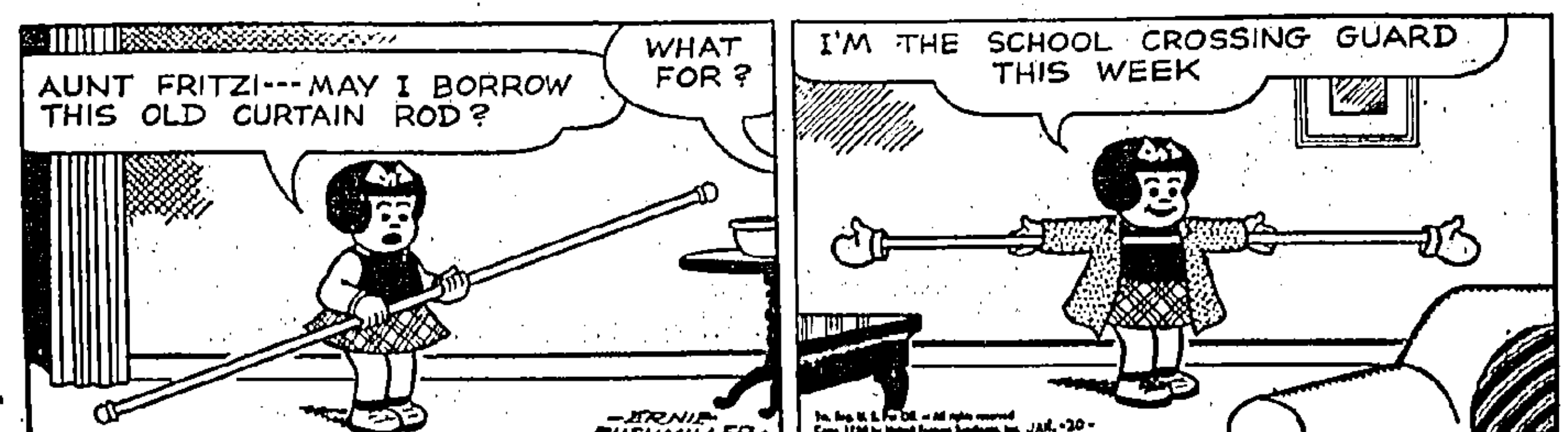
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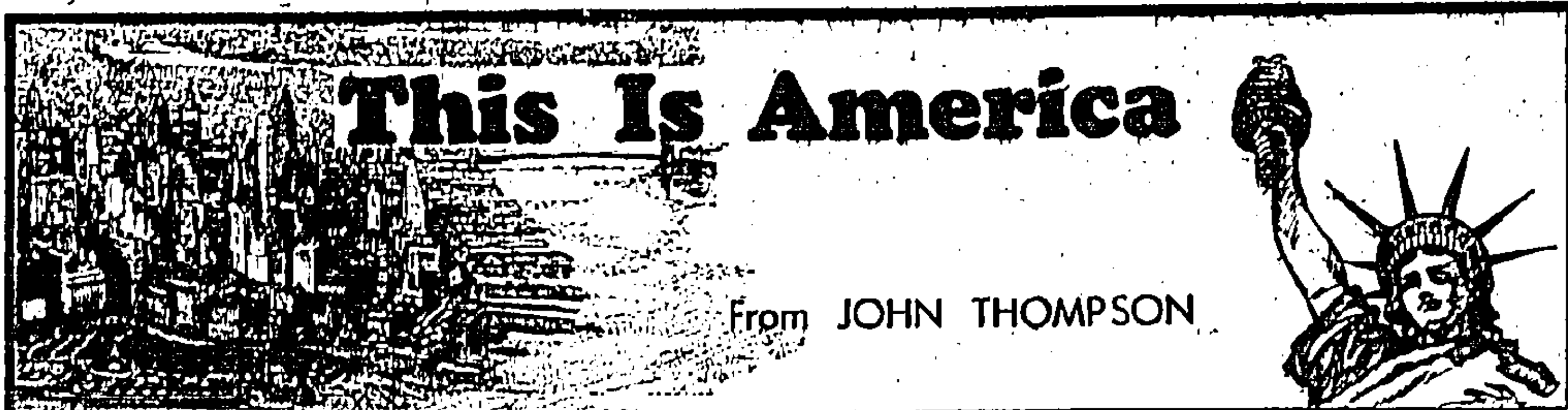
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For the showdown vote the  
Ayes were made up of 11 Jewish  
members backed by three Protestants.

Against seven Roman Catholics.  
Three council men were  
absent.

Background is that New York  
shops have been losing business to  
nearby New Jersey. There  
the opening laws are less strict.

New Yorkers often drive out  
there for some Sunday shopping.  
But the discussions of the  
New York Council have been  
bedevilled by religious complications.

Much of the argument has  
been reminiscent of the old  
struggles that have lain behind  
the licensing acts in Britain—  
with teetotal and church or  
chapel groups at work.

So far, with its white collar  
and service workers outnumbering  
the factory labour, New  
York has been much less sharply  
affected by the recession than  
other parts of the country.

As one accountant put it:  
"Someone has to keep the books,  
even if they show red ink."

So the disputes over Sunday  
opening have been in no way  
overshadowed by the talk of bad  
times. It has been one of the  
most emotional discussions in  
the city council's history—with  
rubbish at one time piling the  
City Hall.

**NAME** the seasons, said the  
Korean examination question.  
Girl's answer: "Duck season,  
deer season, quail season,  
pheasant season." Boy's  
answer: "Football, basketball,  
track, tennis."

## Lung Cancer

**CHAIN SMOKER** dies of lung  
cancer—now, nearly three  
years later, his widow is  
suing two of the biggest U.S.  
tobacco companies for \$750,000  
(\$267,000).

The widow, Mrs. Victoria  
Larique, whose husband was 62  
when he died, claims that  
cigarettes made by one firm  
and cigarette tobacco  
made by the other "caused and  
precipitated" his fatal illness  
and gave him great pain and  
suffering.

**ACTRESS** Jo Ann Scherer  
got her divorce because she  
said her husband flew into a  
tantrum and moved out when  
she said to him: "It looks to  
me like you're studying AT a  
bar instead of FOR the Bar."

**GREATER** love hath no star.  
Marilyn Monroe says she  
may play a small part in a new  
drama by her husband, play-  
wright Arthur Miller—just for  
the chance of acting in one of  
his plays.

She has not worked since the  
Oliver film "The Prince and  
the Showgirl." Now Marilyn  
says: "I'm interested in good  
pulp, and in matter what  
medium—Hollywood, Broadway  
or TV."

"But as for Arthur writing a  
play for me—Arthur does not  
write for anybody."

**ON HIS** sick-bed Elliot  
Paul, author of many books  
including the famous "The  
Last Time I Saw Paris" has,  
after a lifetime as an agnostic,  
had a sudden conversion.  
From his bedside he has joined  
the Greek Orthodox Church.

**OUT** swooped the Mohawk  
Indians—not to scalp but to  
save the palefaces. Scene: Not  
the forests or the prairie, but  
Brooklyn. Time: 3 a.m. All steel-  
workers, were having a quiet  
drink in an all-night bar.  
Commotion outside—and there  
were four men beating up a  
Brooklyn citizen and his wife.

Chief Twonko called on his  
mates, Shanook and Kennedy,  
and with a war whoop the  
Mohawk trio pounced on the  
attacker. In seconds the four  
fell—two of them running into  
the arms of two policemen on  
patrol down the street.

**FASHION** for "international  
set" parties in New York's  
Greenwich Village: wearing  
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## Millionaires

**CHANGES** of becoming a  
millionaire—ever in this  
world—are not what they  
were. The days of Carnegie,  
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gone.

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investigation into salaries earned  
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sales of \$291 million (\$202  
million).

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of income they have left over, it  
would take them 45 years  
(without interest) to become  
millionaires.

Salaries of these executives  
ranged from \$75,000 to \$300,000  
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of 10 are getting more than  
their predecessors—companies  
are bigger, salaries are up, and  
so is the cost of living.

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Healy—pours a bucket of water  
over him. She is resigned to  
his sniffling for the rest of the  
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together in a play.

**BROADWAY** stage director  
Arthur Reel has formed a  
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cast of "An Enemy of the  
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cidence—that was the New  
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scene when two children  
drowned in the Hudson River—  
eight months apart.

Said George Jones: "There,  
that's where he fell in. I threw  
him a piece of string and it  
broke." And that was almost  
word-for-word the tale he told  
before.

Now he has confessed: "I  
pulled him in." The boy, a  
seven-year-old Louis Dinant, he  
said, because he would not give  
him 10 cents.

## State Office

**DEEP** in the Southern State  
of Alabama, the first Negro  
for 50 years will be running for  
State Office.

Radio announcer Perry L.  
Thompson has decided to stand  
as Lieutenant-governor "because  
I believe I can bring both races  
closer together."

He hopes to run as a Demo-  
crat. But the party's State  
committee recently adopted a  
resolution calling for enforce-  
ment of all laws requiring racial  
segregation.

**FIRST** helicopter arrest  
reported from Long Island.  
Police (in the air) saw a car  
moving at excessive speed,  
radioed ground police, who  
stopped the driver. It was a  
stolen car.

**OUT** this week is a book that  
makes a firm, unwavering  
attack on Communism and all  
its methods. It is called "Mas-  
ters of Deceit," and it is written

by the man who has headed  
the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
tion since 1924—J. Edgar  
Hoover.

From first page to last Hoover  
writes with awe of the Com-  
munist menace. The book is  
bound to be a centre of con-  
trovery.

Many will pooh-pooh Hoover's  
clear statement of tactics and  
strategy used by Communists in  
the U.S. Many will say the book  
exaggerates the potential  
strength of Communism here.

Hoover writes from his inside  
knowledge of cases the FBI  
has investigated. For him "there  
is no doubt that America is  
the prime target of international  
Communism."

He warns that "the weapons  
of Communism are still formid-  
able. They become even more  
effective when we lower our  
guard and when we become lax  
in strengthening our democratic  
institutions."

It is not an alarmist book.  
Hoover makes it plain that the  
Communist Party in the U.S. is  
negligible. But he makes it his  
task to sound a warning.

## Political Fight

**TWO** of America's richest men  
are expected to fight this  
autumn for one of America's  
biggest political jobs—Governor  
of New York State.

For the Democrats, Governor  
Harriman is likely to stand  
again. His fortune is in the  
\$75,000,000-dollar (\$20,000,000)  
class.

For the Republicans, most-  
favoured for nomination is  
Nelson A. Rockefeller, said to  
be worth more than 100,000,000  
dollars (\$35,000,000).

**FOUR** nieces are licensed over  
their Texan oilman uncle's  
will.

Eighty-year-old J. E. Sexton  
has left his relatives \$100 (\$35)  
each. Rest of an estimated  
\$5,000,000 (\$1,780,000) he has  
left to Mrs. Agnes Kirk, 40-year-  
old matron of a nursing home  
where he spent two years.

## China Mail Entertainment Guide

### WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

**KING'S & PRINCESS:** "Short Cut To Hell." Robert  
Ivers in a "shocker."

**STAR & METROPOLE:** "My Man Godfrey." June  
Allyson and David Niven in a comedy.

**ROXY & BROADWAY:** "Peyton Place." Lana  
Turner and Hope Lange in a strong small town  
drama.

**HOOVER & LIBERTY:** "The Pride And The  
Passion." Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra and  
Sophia Loren in a technicolour drama.

**ALHAMBRA:** "The Teahouse Of The August  
Moon." Marlon Brando and Glen Ford.

**CAPITOL:** "Across The Bridge." Rod Steiger in  
a drama.

**RITZ:** "The Garment Jungle." Lee J. Cobb in the  
garment racket.

**MAJESTIC:** "Last Of The Badmen." George  
Montgomery in a western.

**ORIENTAL:** "Les Girls." Gene Kelly in a musical.

## Audio And Visual Entertainment

### RADIO HONGKONG

5.30 p.m. "Not for Squares": 6.  
Time Signal. 7. Heard Europe  
Singing—"Greece and Italy" intro-  
duced by Wilfred Thomas; 8.15.  
Greek Bands and Tunes; 8.30.  
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra; 10.0.  
Weather Report; 7. Time Signal.  
News; 7.10. Commentary; 7.15.  
Carmichael's Feature: Carmen Perina  
(vocal) with Nick Dennis and his  
band; 8.0. Joe. Mary. Fantasy  
and his Special Orchestra; 7.45.  
Music in Miniature; 8.10. "Take It  
Easy"; 8.45. Victor Young and  
his Singing Strings; 9.0. Weather  
Report; 9.10. Time Signal. News and  
Comments from Britain; 9.15. A  
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